

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 767

Shane Rattenbury MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

In relation to recommendation 18 of the government response to report 10 of the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing entitled *Inquiry into Abortion and Reproductive Choice in the ACT* which was agreed in principle, (a) what progress has been made on the development of a sexual and reproductive health strategy, (b) will the strategy address accessibility (cost of services and leave allowances) to sexual and reproductive healthcare and (c) as recommended, what key stakeholders (including community organisations, service providers, specialists, women, and people with uteruses) have or will be consulted.

RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (a) As stated in the *Government Response to Report 10 - Inquiry into Abortion and Reproductive Choice in the ACT*, the ACT Government agreed in principle to the development of a sexual and reproductive health strategy and noted that this would be subject to resourcing and future budget processes. Development of a strategy has not commenced.
- (b) The scope of a strategy has not been determined. It is intended that a range of accessibility issues would be considered, noting that both the Commonwealth and ACT governments have acted to improve the accessibility of sexual and reproductive healthcare since the inquiry was completed.
- (c) The strategy would be designed in consultation with key stakeholders, including government and non-government organisations, service providers, specialists and consumers.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA
Minister for Health

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