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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**Questions on Notice Paper No 5**  
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**Question No. 287**

**MS CARRICK MLA:** To ask the Minister for Health

What possible future uses has the Minister been briefed on for the Burrangiri Respite Centre site in Rivett.

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

Most briefing has related to use as a respite facility. The ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) has advised in several briefs since 2020 that the facility would require significant capital investment to continue its function as a respite facility in the mid- to long-term. In July 2024, ACTHD advised that "to be fit for respite care in the long-term, the facility will need to be vacant to allow for significant work".

Subsequently, the ACTHD has undertaken feasibility work to test suitability for a temporary relocation of a residential Alcohol and Other Drug Rehabilitation Service run by Directions ACT. This relocation is required to facilitate the development of the new northside hospital. Initial advice was that the Burrangiri site may be feasible as a temporary location. However, the preference remains to move the Arcadia House service to a new site in Canberra's north.

No decision has been taken on future use of the site.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**

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