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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 115

MS CLAY MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

- 1) What was the caesarean section rate for all births at (a) Centenary Hospital for Women and Children, (b) North Canberra Public Hospital, (c) Calvary Private Hospital and (d) Calvary John James Hospital, for each year from 2022 to present.
- 2) If this data from the private hospitals cannot be released without approval, has the ACT Government sought approval?

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

- 1) Currently maternal perinatal data is only complete up to the end of October 2022 due to the implementation of the new Digital Health Record (DHR). More recent birth data from public hospitals is being captured in the DHR but is not yet available for the ACT Maternal Perinatal Data Collection (MPDC). An extract is currently being developed with the expectation that the national minimum dataset for 2023 will be reported to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare in the first quarter of 2025. This dataset will be Territory-wide.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare publishes data about maternity services in the Mothers & Babies reports, including data tables, that are available here:

<https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports-data/population-groups/mothers-babies/overview>

- 2) The Calvary Private Hospital has not provided maternity services since 2019. Private hospital data is available from the one private hospital still providing maternity services in the ACT, Calvary John James Hospital. As they do not use the DHR, they have provided data to the ACT Health Directorate for inclusion in the MPDC.

The Chief Health Data Officer is the data custodian for the MPDC and approves release of data.



Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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