

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 9

5 September 2025

Question No. 604

MS CLAY MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

- 1) How many rheumatologists work in the ACT public health system.
- 2) How many Canberrans are seeing rheumatologists in the ACT's public health system.
- 3) Is there any data available on the type of conditions people are accessing rheumatologist specialist care for in the ACT's public health system; if so, what is the data.
- 4) How many Canberrans are seeing rheumatologists in the ACT's private health system.
- 5) Is there any data available on the type of conditions people are accessing rheumatologist specialist care for in the ACT's private health system; if so, what is the data.

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

- 1) Five specialists are appointed as rheumatologists in the ACT public health system.
- 2) In 2024-25 the number of ACT residents who had one or more service events with the Canberra Health Services' Department of Rheumatology was 2,194.
- 3) The common presentations to a rheumatologist include arthritis, autoimmune diseases, and musculoskeletal conditions.
- 4) The ACT Government is unable to provide comment on the activity of rheumatologist in the private health sector.
- 5) Please refer to Question 4.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Minister for Health

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