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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 128

MS CLAY MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

What was the caesarean section rate for the pregnancy care and birthing options of (a) general practitioner shared care, (b) continuity of midwifery care – low, (c) homebirth, (d) continuity of midwifery care – all risk, (e) maternity care team, (f) Fetal Medicine Unit, (g) specialist care team, (h) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services) and (i) private maternity services as listed on the Canberra Health Services website, for each year from 2023?

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

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.

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. This minimum data set will include data to calculate caesarean section rates, but not by model of care.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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