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## Freedom of Information Publication Coversheet

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FOI Reference: CMTEDDFOI 2023-122

Information to be published	Status
1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice	Published
3. Documents and schedule	Published
4. Additional information identified	No
5. Fees	Waived
6. Processing time (in working days)	20
7. Decision made by Ombudsman	N/A
8. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A
9. Decision made by ACAT	N/A
10. Additional information identified by ACAT	N/A

[Redacted]  
**To:** [CMTEDD FOI](#)

**Subject:** FOI Request for all documents relating to QoN Number 10 PAC-CMTEDDFOI 2023-122

**Date:** Monday, 3 April 2023 1:53:27 PM

**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Good afternoon,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 I request all documents, including those held by the Treasurer's office, relating to Question on Notice Number 10, asked at the recent Standing Committee on Public Accounts Inquiry into Appropriation 2022-2023 (No 2) and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) 2022-2023 (No 2).

Kind regards,





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Our ref: CMTEDDFOI2023- 122



## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 03 April 2023 you sought:

*All documents, including those held by the Treasurer's office, relating to Question on Notice Number 10, asked at the recent Standing Committee on Public Accounts Inquiry into Appropriation 2022-2023 (No 2) and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) 2022-2023 (No 2).*

### **Authority**

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of CMTEDD under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

### **Timeframes**

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD I am required to provide a decision on your access application by 04 May 2023.

### **Decision**

Searches were completed for relevant documents based on information provided by you. several email trails were identified that fall within the scope of your request.

I have included as **Attachment A**, a schedule of relevant documents. This schedule provides a description of the documents that fall within the scope of your request and the access decision for those documents.

I have decided to grant partial access to the material within scope of this request.

My access decisions are detailed further in the following statement of reasons and the documents released to you are provided as **Attachment B** to this letter.

In accordance with section 54(2) of the Act a statement of reasons outlining my decisions is below.

## Statement of Reasons

In reaching my access decisions, I have taken the following into account:

- the Act
- the content of the documents that fall within the scope of your request
- consultation undertaken within government
- the *Information Privacy Act 2014*

## Exemption claimed

My reasons for deciding not to grant access to components of the relevant documents are as follows:

Information that would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest to disclose under the test set out in section 17 of the Act

### Public Interest

The Act has a presumption in favour of disclosure. As a decision maker I am required to decide where, on balance, public interest lies. As part of this process, I must consider factors favouring disclosure and nondisclosure.

In *Hogan v Hinch* (2011) 243 CLR 506, [31] French CJ stated that when ‘used in a statute, the term [public interest] derives its content from “the subject matter and the scope and purpose” of the enactment in which [public interest] appears’. Section 17(1) of the Act sets out the test, to be applied to determine whether disclosure of information would be contrary to the public interest. These factors are found in subsection 17(2) and Schedule 2 of the Act. Taking into consideration the information contained in the documents found to be within the scope of your request, I have identified that the following public interest factors are relevant to determine if release of the information contained within these documents is within the ‘public interest’.

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### Factors favouring disclosure in the public interest under Schedule 2 s2.1:

- (a) *disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to do any of the following:*
- (ii) *promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government’s accountability;*
  - (iii) *contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest;*
  - (iv) *ensure effective oversight of expenditure of public funds;*
  - (viii) *reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision.*

I consider release of this information could reasonably be expected to promote discussion of public affairs, contribute to positive and informed debate and the government's accountability regarding the expenditure of public funds. The release of this information will provide insight in the workings of government in answering of the increase in hospital cost question on notice.

However, these factors are required to be balanced against those factors favouring nondisclosure.

Factors favouring nondisclosure in the public interest Schedule 2 s2.2:

*(a) disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to do any of the following:*

*(ii) prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the Human Rights Act 2004.*

*(xvi) prejudice a deliberative process of government;*

Having reviewed the information, I consider that the protection of an individual's right to privacy, is a significant factor. Release of information concerning individuals working within the ACT Public Service is generally not considered to prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy. However, where mobile phone numbers may be used for home and work purposes, this information is redacted. The release of such information could or would reasonably be expected to prejudice an individual's right to privacy under the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Some information has been withheld on the basis that it is part of a deliberative process. A deliberative process is the 'thinking process' of government and includes information that is a recommendation used to inform the decision-making process of a Minister or agency. In reviewing the information contained in these emails, I weigh this factor significantly as prejudice, in the form of interference concerning the integrity of a decision, is likely to occur should this information be released.

Having applied the test outlined in section 17 of the Act and deciding that release of personal information contained in the documents is not in the public interest to release, I have chosen to redact this specific information in accordance with section 50(2). Noting the pro-disclosure intent of the Act, I am satisfied that redacting only the information that I believe is not in the public interest to release will ensure that the intent of the Act is met and will provide you with access to the majority of the information held by CMTEDD within the scope of your request.

### **Charges**

Fees for this access application are waived under section

### **Online publishing – Disclosure Log**

Under section 28 of the Act, CMTEDD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application and my decision in response to your access application will be published in the CMTEDD disclosure log. Your personal contact details will not be published.

You may view CMTEDD disclosure log at <https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/functions/foi>.

## **Ombudsman Review**

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in CMTEDD disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

We recommend using this form [Applying for an Ombudsman Review](#) to ensure you provide all of the required information. Alternatively, you may write to the Ombudsman:

The ACT Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: [actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au)

## **ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Review**

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT:

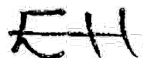
ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal  
Level 4, 1 Moore St  
GPO Box 370  
Canberra City ACT 2601

Telephone: (02) 6207 1740

<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Should you have any queries in relation to your request please contact me by telephone on 6207 7754 or by email at [CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



Emma Hotham  
Information Officer  
Information Access Team  
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

04 May 2023



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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

### WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST

Reference NO.

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Ref No	Page number	Description	Date	Status	Reason for Exemption	Online Release Status
1	1-21	Various Email Correspondence	8 March 2023 – 31 March 2023	Partial Release	Sch 2.2 (a)(ii) Sch 2.2 (a)(xvi)	Yes
<b>Total No of Docs</b>						
1						

## Dragojlovic, Radovan

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**From:** Dickerson, AdamB  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 March 2023 10:55 AM  
**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan  
**Cc:** Kazak, Lamis; Randall, SallyC; Lewis, Katrina; Ryan, Shaun  
**Subject:** RE: PAC QON 10 Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost Castley (CHS).DOCX

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi Rad,

To answer your questions in the email below, we found that:

1. Sch 2.2(a)(xvi) [REDACTED]
2. Sch 2.2(a)(xvi) [REDACTED]

Cheers,  
Adam

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**From:** Dragojlovic, Radovan <Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 March 2023 10:34 PM  
**To:** Ryan, Shaun <Shaun.Ryan@act.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Kazak, Lamis <Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au>; Dickerson, AdamB <AdamB.Dickerson@act.gov.au>; Randall, SallyC <SallyC.Randall@act.gov.au>; Lewis, Katrina <Katrina.Lewis@act.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: PAC QON 10 Treasurer Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS).DOCX

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Thanks very much Shaun.

Could I please check if the Health Central Provision Sch 2.2(a)(xvi) published/ publicly available (i.e. are these figures included in the total Health expenditure as published in the budget papers for relevant years).

Sch 2.2(a)(xvi) [REDACTED]

Cheers,  
rad

**Radovan Dragojlovic**  
Executive Branch Manager | Social Policy | Finance and Budget Group  
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development | ACT Government  
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**From:** Ryan, Shaun <Shaun.Ryan@act.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 March 2023 6:56 PM  
**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan <Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au>



Cc: Kazak, Lamis <Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au>; Dickerson, AdamB <AdamB.Dickerson@act.gov.au>; Randall, SallyC <SallyC.Randall@act.gov.au>; Lewis, Katrina <Katrina.Lewis@act.gov.au>

Subject: RE: PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS).DOCX

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi Rad

It is the same QON that JP sent through this morning. The numbers have not changed from that version. They have tightened the words significantly which makes for a better response. I don't see that there is anything that we would be concerned with in the proposed response.

Thanks  
Shaun

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**From:** Dragojlovic, Radovan <Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 March 2023 5:46 PM

**To:** Ryan, Shaun <Shaun.Ryan@act.gov.au>; Kazak, Lamis <Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au>; Dickerson, AdamB <AdamB.Dickerson@act.gov.au>; Randall, SallyC <SallyC.Randall@act.gov.au>; Lewis, Katrina <Katrina.Lewis@act.gov.au>

**Subject:** PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS).DOCX

Hi Shaun and team

Grateful for your advice in the morning.

Cheers,  
rad

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**From:** Donda, Jean-Paul (Health) <JeanPaul.Donda@act.gov.au>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 March 2023 5:36 PM

**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan <Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au>; Barbaro, Fiona (Health) <Fiona.Barbaro@act.gov.au>

**Cc:** Ryan, Shaun <Shaun.Ryan@act.gov.au>; Kazak, Lamis <Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au>; Dickerson, AdamB <AdamB.Dickerson@act.gov.au>; Randall, SallyC <SallyC.Randall@act.gov.au>; Lewis, Katrina <Katrina.Lewis@act.gov.au>

**Subject:** RE: PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS).DOCX

Hi Fiona, had chat with Ben in the Minister's Office about this today. I've updated the response as a result. Happy to discuss tomorrow.

Rad, I understand you have had a chance to review this, but please find attached an updated version. No changes to the figures in the table (just words). Below is the calculation I used:

Sch 2.2(a)(xvi)

JP

**Jean-Paul Donda | A/g Chief Finance Officer**

Ph: 02) 5124 9641 Mobile: [Sch 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) | Email: [jeanpaul.donda@act.gov.au](mailto:jeanpaul.donda@act.gov.au)

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**From:** Donda, Jean-Paul (Health)

**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 March 2023 10:22 AM

**To:** Ryan, Shaun <[Shaun.Ryan@act.gov.au](mailto:Shaun.Ryan@act.gov.au)>; Dragojlovic, Radovan <[Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au](mailto:Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au)>

**Subject:** PAC QON 10 Treasurer Increase in Hospital cost Castley (CHS).DOCX

Hi Shaun & Rad,

Can you give me a call when you are free to discuss my proposed response to this question on notice.

[Sch 2.2\(a\)\(xvi\)](#)

Thank you,

JP

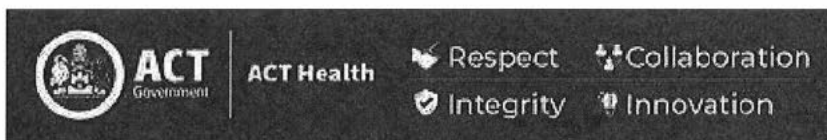
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**From:** Dragojlovic, Radovan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 March 2023 4:00 PM  
**To:** Donda, Jean Paul (Health); Barbaro, Fiona (Health)  
**Cc:** Ryan, Shaun; Kazak, Lamis; Dickerson, AdamB; Randall, SallyC; Lewis, Katrina  
**Subject:** RE: PAC QON 10 Treasurer Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS).DOCX

Hi JP

As discussed, I followed up internally regarding presentation of the figures in this QoN. Sch 2.2(a)(xvi)

However, additional text could be inserted to advise that additional funding from the HCP may be provided. It may be useful to reflect any previous public statement/ approach in relation to HCP funding being provided to hospitals.

Hope this is helpful.

Cheers,  
rad

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**From:** Donda, Jean Paul (Health) <JeanPaul.Donda@act.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 March 2023 11:41 AM  
**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan <Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au>; Barbaro, Fiona (Health) <Fiona.Barbaro@act.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Ryan, Shaun <Shaun.Ryan@act.gov.au>; Kazak, Lamis <Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au>; Dickerson, AdamB <AdamB.Dickerson@act.gov.au>; Randall, SallyC <SallyC.Randall@act.gov.au>; Lewis, Katrina <Katrina.Lewis@act.gov.au>  
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Hi Rad,

Sch 2.2(a)(xvi)

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Happy to discuss.

JP

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**From:** Dragojlovic, Radovan <Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 March 2023 11:10 AM  
**To:** Donda, Jean-Paul (Health) <JeanPaul.Donda@act.gov.au>; Barbaro, Fiona (Health) <Fiona.Barbaro@act.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Ryan, Shaun <Shaun.Ryan@act.gov.au>; Kazak, Lamis <Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au>; Dickerson, AdamB <AdamB.Dickerson@act.gov.au>; Randall, SallyC <SallyC.Randall@act.gov.au>; Lewis, Katrina <Katrina.Lewis@act.gov.au>  
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Hi JP

Thank you for consulting. We have no concerns with the updated wording of the response.

However, could I please check if the Health Central Provision Sch 2.2(a)(xvi) published/ publicly available (i.e. are these figures included in the total Health expenditure as published in the budget papers for relevant years).

Sch 2.2(a)(xvi)

Thank you,  
rad

**Radovan Dragojlovic**  
Executive Branch Manager | Social Policy | Finance and Budget Group  
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**Subject:** PAC QON 10 - Treasurer Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS).DOCX

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Sch 2.2(a)(xvi)

Thank you,

JP

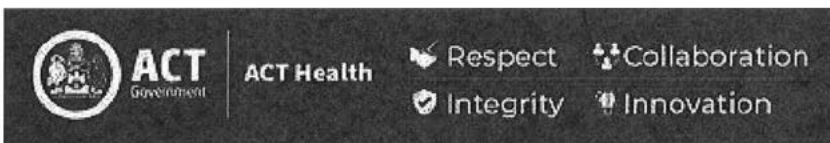
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## Dragojlovic, Radovan

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**From:** Treasury DLO  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 March 2023 6:01 PM  
**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan; Dyall, Mimi  
**Subject:** URGENT: PAC QONs

**Importance:** High

OFFICIAL

Hi Rad

By my reckoning Tsy still have 2 QONs for review

QON 14	1011	Community Sector funding - Kikkert	CSD
QON 15	1012	Out of home care (OOHC) - Braddock	CSD


Can you please review these urgently and let me know when they are good to go to the Treasurer

Also, Faheem would like to discuss QON 10 (trim ref 23/891) with you – would you mind giving Faheem a call ASAP when you are free?

Many thanks  
Kylie

Kylie Beer  
Treasury Liaison Officer | Office of the Treasurer, Minister Steel and Minister Berry  
Treasury | ACT Government

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 I acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as the traditional Aboriginal owners of country throughout the ACT and surrounding NSW. I acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

## Dragojlovic, Radovan

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**From:** Donda, Jean-Paul (Health)  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 March 2023 3:00 PM  
**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan  
**Cc:** Barbaro, Fiona (Health)  
**Subject:** QoN 10

Hi Rad,

Here are the number without COVID-19:

# Sch 2.2(a)(xvi)

JP

**Jean-Paul Donda | A/g Chief Finance Officer**

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## Dragojlovic, Radovan

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**From:** Treasury DLO  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 March 2023 9:48 AM  
**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT : CMTEDD2023/981 : GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS)

OFFICIAL

Thanks Rad - this is with Faheem now

All done! Thanks for your help

Kylie

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Dragojlovic, Radovan <Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 March 2023 6:45 PM  
**To:** Treasury DLO <TreasuryDLO@act.gov.au>; Kazak, Lamis <Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT : CMTEDD2023/981 : GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS)

OFFICIAL

Hi Kylie

I have had another look at this QoN and have prepared a table that I think more accurately reflects the Government's efforts in this area. Health have provided updated figures for the funding for LHN and for additional government investment to support Covid 19 response.

Please let me know if a further explanation would be helpful.

Cheers,  
rad

Radovan Dragojlovic  
Executive Branch Manager | Social Policy | Finance and Budget Group Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development | ACT Government  
Mobile: [Sch 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) | Email: Radovan.dragojlovic@act.gov.au

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Dragojlovic, Radovan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 March 2023 4:08 PM  
**To:** Treasury DLO <TreasuryDLO@act.gov.au>; Kazak, Lamis <Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT : CMTEDD2023/981 : GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS)

OFFICIAL

Hi Kylie



No further changes to this response - it is consistent with Budget papers and reflects our advice to Health late last week.

Cheers,  
rad

Radovan Dragojlovic  
Executive Branch Manager | Social Policy | Finance and Budget Group Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development | ACT Government  
Mobile: [Sch 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) | Email: [Radovan.dragojlovic@act.gov.au](mailto:Radovan.dragojlovic@act.gov.au)

-----Original Message-----

From: Treasury DLO <[TreasuryDLO@act.gov.au](mailto:TreasuryDLO@act.gov.au)>  
Sent: Tuesday, 14 March 2023 12:37 PM  
To: Dragojlovic, Radovan <[Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au](mailto:Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au)>; Kazak, Lamis <[Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au](mailto:Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au)>  
Subject: URGENT : CMTEDD2023/981 : GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS)  
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Hi Rad and Lamis

I have received the Health answer to PAC QON 10 Increase in Hospital Cost.

Can you please quickly review and let me know when it is ready for the Treasurer to sign.

Many thanks  
Kylie

-----< HPE Content Manager record Information >-----

Record Number: CMTEDD2023/981  
Title : GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS)

## Dragojlovic, Radovan

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**From:** Austin, Scott  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 March 2023 6:12 PM  
**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan  
**Subject:** RE: Updated PAC QON 10 Treasurer ANSWER  
**Attachments:** Copy of PAC qon10(SA).xlsx

OFFICIAL

Thanks Rad. I think that is a reasonable compromise, given Faheem wants to reflect the HCP. As per the attached, I think you should use a geometric average, but it rounds to the arithmetic average anyway.

Cheers,

Scott

### Scott Austin

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**Sent:** Thursday, 23 March 2023 3:32 PM  
**To:** Austin, Scott <Scott.Austin@act.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Updated PAC QON 10 Treasurer ANSWER

OFFICIAL

Hi Scott

Could I pls check if you are OK with this presentation of Health expenditure growth.

The key figures are 20.5% and 4.8% these are based on the numbers provided by Health (pls see excel). Sch 2.2(a)(xvi)  
I've included  
some footnotes in the QoN to caveat why individual years are not included.

Cheers,  
rad

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## Dragojlovic, Radovan

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**From:** Dragojlovic, Radovan  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 March 2023 6:25 PM  
**To:** Treasury DLO  
**Subject:** RE: HPE Content Manager CMTEDD - Brief Container : CMTEDD2023/981 : GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS)

OFFICIAL

Hi Kylie - updated version is in Trim. Grateful if you could please provide to Faheem.

Happy to chat.

Cheers,  
rad

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-----Original Message-----

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**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan <[Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au](mailto:Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: HPE Content Manager CMTEDD - Brief Container : CMTEDD2023/981 : GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS)

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Thanks  
Kylie

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**Sent:** Thursday, 23 March 2023 2:30 PM  
**To:** Treasury DLO <[TreasuryDLO@act.gov.au](mailto:TreasuryDLO@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Kazak, Lamis <[Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au](mailto:Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: HPE Content Manager CMTEDD - Brief Container : CMTEDD2023/981 : GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS)

OFFICIAL

Hi Kylie - am just about to run it past Scott. Shouldn't be far off.

Cheers,  
rad

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Treasury DLO <[TreasuryDLO@act.gov.au](mailto:TreasuryDLO@act.gov.au)>

Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 2:19 PM

To: Dragojlovic, Radovan <Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au>

Cc: Kazak, Lamis <Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au>

Subject: HPE Content Manager CMTEDD - Brief Container : CMTEDD2023/981 : GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS)

OFFICIAL

Hi Rad

Faheem mentioned this QON is with you and it wondering how far away it is?

Can you please let me know

Thanks

Kylie

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## Dragojlovic, Radovan

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**From:** Kazak, Lamis  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 March 2023 12:26 PM  
**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan  
**Cc:** Dickerson, AdamB  
**Subject:** RE: PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS).DOCX  
**Attachments:** CPI - ACT Budget Review 2022-23.PNG

OFFICIAL

Hi Rad,

As discussed in relation to QON 10, I've found the CPI figures as published in the ACT 2022-23 Budget Review (table found on page 21).

I've attached a screenshot of the full table as published, and have extracted the CPI figures themselves below –

Consumer Price Index	2022-23 Budget Review	2023-24 Forecast	2024-25 Projection	2025-26 Projection
Downside Scenario	5 ¼	3 ¼	2 ¼	2 ¼
Baseline Scenario	5 ½	3 ½	2 ½	2 ½
Upside Scenario	6	3 ¾	2 ¾	2 ¾
<b>2022-23 Budget</b>	<b>3 ¾</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2 ½</b>	<b>2 ½</b>

Let me know if you have any questions or if I can assist with anything further!

Cheers,

Lamis

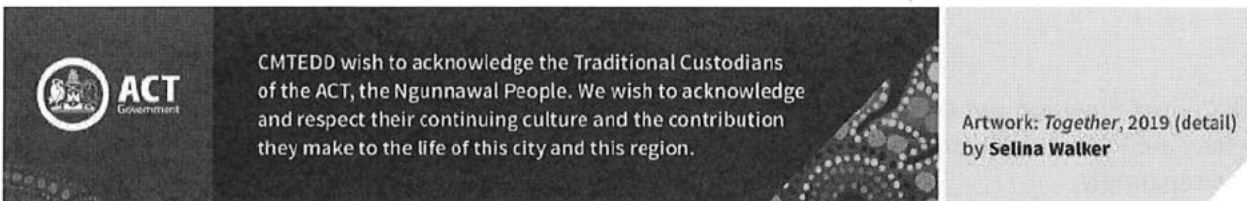
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I recognise that reconciliation is unfinished business and pay my respects to the Ngunnawal Elders past and present, whose land I live and work on.

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**From:** Dragojlovic, Radovan <Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 March 2023 12:43 PM

To: Kazak, Lamis <Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au>

Subject: FW: PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS).DOCX

OFFICIAL

Hi Lamis

Please see below.

Thank you,  
rad

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**From:** Dragojlovic, Radovan

**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 March 2023 4:00 PM

**To:** Donda, Jean-Paul (Health) <JeanPaul.Donda@act.gov.au>; Barbaro, Fiona (Health) <Fiona.Barbaro@act.gov.au>

**Cc:** Ryan, Shaun <Shaun.Ryan@act.gov.au>; Kazak, Lamis <Lamis.Kazak@act.gov.au>; Dickerson, AdamB <AdamB.Dickerson@act.gov.au>; Randall, SallyC <SallyC.Randall@act.gov.au>; Lewis, Katrina <Katrina.Lewis@act.gov.au>

**Subject:** RE: PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS).DOCX

Hi JP

As discussed, I followed up internally regarding presentation of the figures in this QoN. Sch 2.2(a)(xvi)

However, additional text could be inserted to advise that additional funding from the HCP may be provided. It may be useful to reflect any previous public statement/ approach in relation to HCP funding being provided to hospitals.

Hope this is helpful.

Cheers,  
rad

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**From:** Donda, Jean-Paul (Health) <JeanPaul.Donda@act.gov.au>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 March 2023 11:41 AM

**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan <Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au>; Barbaro, Fiona (Health) <Fiona.Barbaro@act.gov.au>

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**Subject:** RE: PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS).DOCX

Hi Rad,

Sch 2.2(a)(xvi)

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Happy to discuss.

JP

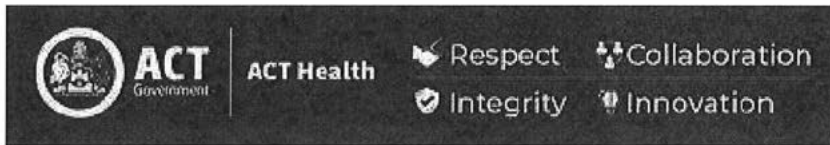
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**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 March 2023 11:10 AM

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**Subject:** RE: PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS).DOCX

Hi JP

Thank you for consulting. We have no concerns with the updated wording of the response.

However, could I please check if the Health Central Provision [Sch 2.2\(a\)\(xvi\)](#) published/ publicly available (i.e. are these figures included in the total Health expenditure as published in the budget papers for relevant years).

[Sch 2.2\(a\)\(xvi\)](#)

Thank you,  
rad

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 March 2023 5:36 PM

**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan <[Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au](mailto:Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au)>; Barbaro, Fiona (Health) <[Fiona.Barbaro@act.gov.au](mailto:Fiona.Barbaro@act.gov.au)>

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**Subject:** RE: PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS).DOCX

Hi Fiona, had chat with Ben in the Minister's Office about this today. I've updated the response as a result. Happy to discuss tomorrow.

Rad, I understand you have had a chance to review this, but please find attached an updated version. No changes to the figures in the table (just words). Below is the calculation I used:

[Sch 2.2\(a\)\(xvi\)](#)



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JP

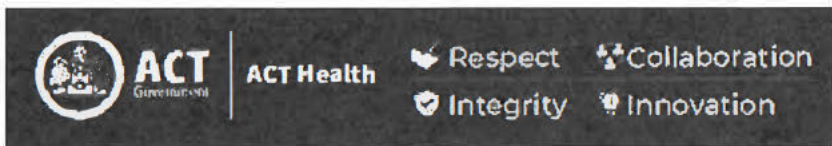
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**Subject:** PAC QON 10 Treasurer Increase in Hospital cost Castley (CHS).DOCX

Hi Shaun & Rad,

Can you give me a call when you are free to discuss my proposed response to this question on notice.

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Thank you,

JP

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**From:** Donda, Jean-Paul (Health)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 March 2023 1:10 PM  
**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan  
**Subject:** RE: Query re estimated Hospital Cost Inflation

Hi Rad,

Yes, those are ACT wide CPI rates from the Budget Review.

JP

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**To:** Donda, Jean-Paul (Health) <[JeanPaul.Donda@act.gov.au](mailto:JeanPaul.Donda@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Query re estimated Hospital Cost Inflation

OFFICIAL

Hi JP

Thanks very much for replying so promptly. It is the last line (3) in the table below. These numbers appear to be the same as the CPI estimates in the budget review so that may be all it is? The table hasn't been finalised but will get/forward you the latest version.

Cheers,  
rad

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**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan <[Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au](mailto:Radovan.Dragojlovic@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Query re estimated Hospital Cost Inflation

Hi Rad,

Can you send me a copy of the current response.

This table contains information that is budget in confidence and not for publication.

This is the late table I've seen:

# Sch 2.2(a)(xvi)

If you are referring to (2), then those numbers are just a percentage increase representation of the figures in (1).

JP

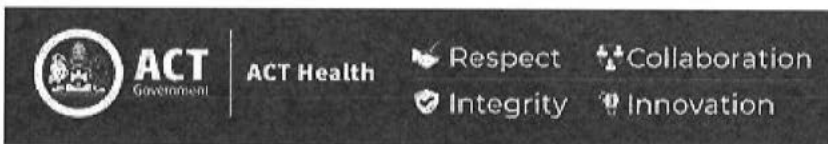
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**Subject:** Query re estimated Hospital Cost Inflation

OFFICIAL

Hi JP

I have a query [Sch 2.2\(a\)\(xvi\)](#) proposed to be released in response to PAC QoN10. Could I please check if these estimates are formally prepared and if they have been released previously in any format. [Sch 2.2\(a\)\(xvi\)](#)

[Sch 2.2\(a\)\(xvi\)](#)

Apologies in advance but very grateful for advice today as it would allow to finalise this response.

Cheers,  
rad

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## **Dragojlovic, Radovan**

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**From:** Treasury DLO  
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**To:** Dragojlovic, Radovan  
**Cc:** Campbell, Russ; Hocking, Stuart  
**Subject:** PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS)  
**Attachments:** GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - PAC QON 10 - Treasurer - Increase in Hospital cost - Castley (CHS).tr5

OFFICIAL

Hi Rad - this QON has been signed and sent. Thanks so much for your help

Kylie

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