

**Health Directorate**  
Achievements since 13 May 2011

Type of achievement	Name of achievement
<b>Major reports released/tabled</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28 July 2011 - Moore report 'Balancing Access and Safety: Meeting the challenge of blood borne viruses in prison'.</li> <li>• Independent Evaluation Report of the Walk In Centre – 19 July 2011 “</li> <li>• Evaluation report - Building a Strong Foundation: Evaluation Findings 2009-2010; and <i>Managing the Risk of Suicide: Evaluation Findings 2009-2010</i></li> </ul>
<b>Major reports responded</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burnet Institute report into the alcohol and drug services at the AMC – Government response</li> <li>• Government Response to the Standing Committee on Health, Community Services and Social Justice Report number 5 – Calvary Public Hospital Options</li> </ul>
<b>Legislation introduced</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of the Smoking in Cars with Kids legislation – to be introduced in 23 August Sitting week</li> </ul>
<b>Key announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signing of the COAG health reforms which will see the ACT get about \$300 million in extra health funding over the next 4-5 years;</li> <li>• Launch of the 'unplug and play' campaign (an ACT Health education campaign promoting the importance of reducing children's time in front of electronic entertainment, and instead opting to exercise outside.)</li> <li>• Launched a new project being piloted which will provide volunteer non-medical support and assistance to those in the waiting room of the Canberra Hospital Emergency Department – the program started on 3 August.</li> <li>• Launch of a new medical supply and inventory system in Canberra, the first of its kind in Australia – the Master Catalogue Information Service (MCIS) is part of a national program to streamline the management of purchasing, warehousing and distribution of items such as medical consumables to all clinical areas in our healthcare system.</li> <li>• The signing ceremony for a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ACT Health and ACT Policing, that will embed mental health clinicians within the Police Operations Centre.</li> <li>• Launched the report 'Mental Health and Wellbeing in the ACT' - The report presents key information provided by the Canberra and Queanbeyan communities and demonstrates associations with mental health across a number of areas including the social and economic context of living, psychological risks and resilience, health behaviours and service, and medicine use.</li> <li>• Launch of the Canberra Hospital Foundation (10 August)</li> <li>• Appointment of the Local Hospital Network (10 member Board)</li> </ul>
<b>Key consultations/round tables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently undertaking a 6 week consultation on new food safety provisions in the ACT (scores on doors)</li> <li>• Walk in Centre evaluation report – 6 week consultation on findings</li> <li>• Moore Report 'Balancing Access and Safety: Meeting the challenge of blood borne viruses in prison' – 6 week consultation on findings</li> </ul>
	<b>Started? Yes/No</b>

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<b>Key budget items which have commenced</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gungahlin Community Health Centre – sketch plans and development application approved</li> </ul>	Yes construction about to begin;
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acute Mental health unit;</li> </ul>	Construction well underway
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GP Development fund</li> </ul>	Over \$760k worth of infrastructure now provided to GP's across Canberra to expand their capacity;
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Home away from home' inpatient facility for cancer sufferers in Duffy</li> </ul>	Purchase plans underway pending DA approval
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 3<sup>rd</sup> hospital for the ACT –</li> </ul>	Preliminary planning is underway re location and services.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Released the preliminary sketch plans and announced the Project Manager for the new \$44.6 Capital Region Cancer Centre to be built at the Canberra Hospital.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital Asset Development Plan</li> </ul>	For progress see <a href="http://www.health.act.gov.au/CADP">www.health.act.gov.au/CADP</a>
<b>Major events attended</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director-General/ Deputy Director General</li> </ul>	Minister: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting with NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner to talk about NSW/ACT Cross border issues</li> <li>First/inaugural meeting of the Local Hospital Network board (LHN)</li> </ul>	
	D-G/DD-G: other than those attended by the Minister: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical Senate forum held</li> </ul>	
<b>Other major Directorate achievements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elective Surgery Waiting lists – lowest number waiting since 2003 – highest throughput of surgeries ever on record;</li> <li>One year of the Award winning Nurse Led Walk in Centre under our belt;</li> <li>Health directorate retains/achieves a further four year accreditation of all of its health facilities;</li> <li>National Tobacco Scoreboard - the ACT achieved second place in the Australian Council on Smoking and Health (ACOSH) National Tobacco Scoreboard 2010/2011.</li> <li>Participation in the 'eye tissue' donation campaign</li> <li>Continued wage negotiations with ACT Nurses and Midwives</li> </ul>	