

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Inquiry into the 2026-27 Budget Estimates

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Portfolio: Ageing

Hearing: Monday 18 May 2026, 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Witnesses

Ingrid Stitt MP, Minister for Ageing;

Jenny Atta, Secretary, Department of Health

Naomi Bromley, Deputy Secretary, Health System Reform and Partnerships,

Janelle Hearn, Executive Director, Aged Care and System Priorities,

Argiri Alisandratos, Deputy Secretary, Disability, Fairness and Emergency Management,

Alison Rutherford, Acting Executive Director, Equality, Seniors, Women and Equity Strategy, and

Priscilla Radice, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Infrastructure Development Authority - Health

Legend

All questions are in **red text**.

The responses to the questions, including source details **black text**.

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QUESTION:

Richard RIORDAN: Just specifically, though – the question was specific: is there a reason why half the beds have not opened yet in Camperdown?

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Richard RIORDAN: Is it a staffing shortage?

Ingrid STITT: No, I do not believe so, but if you want, we can take that question on notice and we can come back to you with some up-to-date information.

SOURCE: PAEC team Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, Inquiry into the 2026–27 Budget Estimates, Proof Hansard, 18 May 2026, p. 2-3

COMMITTEE MEMBER ASKING QUESTION: Richard Riordan

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Responsible Division/Agency: Department of Health

RESPONSE

- The Victorian Government invested \$39.6 million to build the new 36-bed Leura Aged Care facility in Camperdown, which officially opened in August 2025.
- Operated by South West Healthcare, the facility is being opened in stages while prospective residents complete Commonwealth aged care assessment and means testing processes.
- As at 15 May 2026, 24 beds were open.
- South West Healthcare has advised all residents who are ready for care have been accommodated and no one is currently waiting for a bed. Remaining beds will open progressively over coming months, in line with expected demand.