Statement from Federal Health Minister Mark Butler's office

Attributable to a Government Spokesperson:

The Albanese Labor Government is steadfast in ensuring all Australian women have equitable access to the healthcare they need.

The Government provides significant funding towards public hospital and community health services through the National Health Reform Agreement, Medicare and the PBS.

The Government expects patient safety and access to clinically appropriate care to remain a priority, including access to sexual and reproductive health services.

That is why the Commonwealth has delivered nearly $800 million into women's health – to deliver more choice, lower costs and better health care for women and girls.

The provision of different types of services in a private hospital is a commercial matter for the operator.

The Commonwealth does not have the power to direct any public or private facility to provide specific services.

The Commonwealth's power to declare a facility to be a hospital, and consequently be eligible to receive payments from private health insurers, primarily concerns their ability to meet safety and quality requirements and submit data about the services they deliver.

Decisions on service provision rest with the hospital operators and the relevant state or territory health department.

The planning and delivery of public hospital services is the responsibility of state and territory governments.