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FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QoN No. 17

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Chair), Mr James Milligan MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Michael Petterson MLA

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Justice Health

Ref: Justice Health, JACS Annual Report 2020-2021 p156, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander overrepresentation

In relation to: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander overrepresentation

1. During the hearing, Minister Davidson stated in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander overrepresentation that they have “made some changes over the course of the last year that we think could be helpful”. Specifically, what are those changes and how do you expect they will help?

Emma Davidson: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

As the Minister for Justice Health I am unable to comment on the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders currently incarcerated within the ACT prison system.

The changes referred to in the above statement were related to Justice Health and included strengthening partnerships with Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services to provide holistic care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cohort within the Alexander Maconochie Centre. All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients have access to the CHS Aboriginal Liaison Officer for support while incarcerated and where possible are connected to appropriate services upon their release

Further information related to the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander incarcerated in the ACT should be directed to the Minister for Corrections.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Justice Health, Emma Davidson