



## Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021**

#### **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA:

Ref: Corrections, JACS hearing 1400-1515 23 February 2022, JACS Annual Report 2020-2021 p73

In relation to: Transitional Release Centre (TRC) and Transitional Release Program (TRP)

1. Are all detainees currently on work provider placements in the community being housed in the TRC as per section 4.19 of the Corrections Management (Transitional Release Program) policy 2020?
  - a. If not, why not?
2. During the 2019-2020 reporting period how many detainees were accommodated in the TRC?
3. During the 2019-2020 reporting period how many detainees participated in the TRP?
  - a. How many completed the TRP and were subsequently released from the AMC?
  - b. How many did not complete the TRP and were ejected from the program?
  - c. How many were rejected from the TRP?

Minister Gentleman: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. There are currently five approved participants in the Transitional Release Program. The transitional Release Centre reopened on the 13th of April 2022, and currently has two approved occupants. Not all participants of the TRP are found suitable to be housed in the TRC.

ACT Corrective Services is committed to the principles of a supported reintegration back into community and the Transitional Release Program is an important component of this work. We will also shortly be reviewing our Transitional Release Policy including eligibility criteria, to ensure we make these services as accessible as possible to those preparing for release.

2. During the 2019-2020 reporting period nine (9) male detainees were accommodated in the Transitional Release Centre (TRC).
3. The Transitional Release Program (TRP) came into effect in November 2020. Prior to this detainees were able to access (transitional release) leave from a correctional centre. In the

2019-2020 reporting period, three (3) women participated in transitional release via leave, and nine (9) men participated in transitional release via the TRC.

- a. All twelve (12) detainees who participated in transitional release were subsequently released from the Alexander Maconochie Centre.
- b. There were no detainees who did not complete transitional release and were ejected from participating in transitional release.
- c. As the TRP was not in existence until November 2020, there is no data on how many detainees were rejected during the reporting period.

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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA