



## Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023**

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

Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert:

Reference: Hearing on 15 November 2023, Annual Report of Community Services Directorate

In relation to: Men's behaviour change programs

(1) The Room4Change program delivered by the Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS) is the primary men's behaviour change program for perpetrators and their families in the ACT. How many men participated in the program the last financial year?

(a) Out of the total men who participated, how many were accommodated on-site?

(b) How many men participated in the program as part of their transition out of the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC)?

(c) Are there any plans or discussions about offering the Room4Change program inside the AMC to detainees who have been convicted of offences to do with domestic, family or sexual violence? If so, what has been the outcome of these discussions?

(d) A scoping study will be conducted to identify innovative pilots aimed at reducing violent and controlling behaviours and increasing perpetrator accountability. When will the scoping study commence, who will conduct it and what is the anticipated publication date of the study?

Minister Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

(1) Throughout 2022-2023, 44 men engaged in the Room4Change program.

(a) 13 men were accommodated on-site.

(b) DVCS do not provide this information.

(c) No discussions have taken place in relation to delivering additional Room4Change programs within the AMC. ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) delivers the EQUIPS Domestic and Family Violence program to detainees in custody and offenders in the community. The

next program is due to commence in February 2024.

(d) The ACT Government intends on procuring the scoping study and receiving its findings in 2024.

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Date: 30/11/23

By the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Yvette Berry MLA