



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Corrections

Reference: Corrections

Hearing: 12/02/2025

In relation to: Incorporation of Operation Falcon findings into training materials

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Answer Due: 21/02/2025

To ask the Minister for Corrections — Are the findings of Operation Falcon, specifically inclusive of observations made in paragraph 125 of the report concerning what sorts of behaviours amount to serious corrupt conduct, being incorporated into training materials for correctional officers in the ACT?

MARISA PATERSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) notified a new *Detainee Observations Operating Procedure* on 31 October 2024 to address recommendations and findings in reviews by the ACT Custodial Inspector and Coroner. Training related to observations was reviewed and identified to be consistent with the procedure. The implementation process of this procedure therefore focused on communicating the importance of complying with the procedure to staff, which remains a priority.

ACTCS' custodial recruit training already covers ethics in various modules, and includes a lesson about completing documents factually and accurately. It is noted the custodial recruit training now also references the findings of Operation Falcon, including the observations made in paragraph 125, and the potential repercussions of making false or misleading observations records.

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By the Minister for Corrections, Marisa Paterson MLA