



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
23 February 2022

Asked by MR PETER CAIN MLA on 23 FEBRUARY 2022: Minister for Corrections took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: Thank you. And just a final supp from me, why do not we have any detainees in the commercial industries?

Ms Justason: I am sorry, can you define commercial industries?

THE CHAIR: Well I am assuming that is something—is that something from the report or just something—

MRS KIKKERT: Yes, sorry, Chair. Can I just clarify?

THE CHAIR: Yes, thank you.

MRS KIKKERT: It is prison employment, there is commercial industries, service industries. So—

THE CHAIR: What page is that, Mrs Kikkert?

MRS KIKKERT: Yes, so we have a percentage of inmates working in the industry services, but none in the commercial industry.

THE CHAIR: So do you—and that page reference is what, Mrs Kikkert?

MRS KIKKERT: I do not have the page reference on me.

THE CHAIR: Okay. We might just leave that for you to consider as a question on notice, thank you.

MINISTER FOR CORRECTIONS: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

As per pages 60-63 of the JACS Annual Report 2020-21, detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) may gain employment in service industry type roles to develop skills and qualifications to improve their employment prospects on release into the community. This includes positions working in the kitchen, bakery, laundry, linen service, recycling, and cleaning.

While 'commercial industry' was not defined in the report, detainees at the AMC employed in these positions are gaining commercial experience in these industries; however, the services provided do not generate revenue. For example, detainees employed in the bakery work in a commercial-like setting and detainees employed in the linen service provide some of their products to the community, without profit.

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By the Minister for Corrections, Mr Mick Gentleman MLA