



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Kikkert MLA :

Reference: Hearing on 14 November 2023, Annual Report of Justice and Community Safety Directorate, p64, p302, Corrections Output 2.1

In relation to: Corrections and Dog usage at the AMC

Question Lodgement Date: 21/11/2023

- (1) In answer to QON 550, the Minister stated that ACTCS was exploring options for partnering with organisations to provide programs related to animal care, training and support in the AMC. What options have been explored since then and are any options currently under active consideration?
- (2) Are there any plans to expand the use of dogs at the AMC beyond existing uses?
- (3) How many dogs are in the K9 unit?
- (4) Who trains the dogs?
- (5) Does ACTCS own the dogs or are they leased?
 - (a) If they are leased, how much does it cost to lease each dog?

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- 1) As part of the Integrated Offender Management phase 2 planning an animal husbandry feasibility study will be performed early next year.
- 2) The abovementioned feasibility study will look into options to expand the use of dogs at the AMC.
- 3) There are three dogs in the K9 unit.
- 4) The dogs are trained at and by the Australian Federal Police.
- 5) ACTCS owns all three dogs.
 - a. Not applicable.

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Signature: 

Date: 28/11/2023

By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA