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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

Addressed to: Attorney-General

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In relation to: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in criminal justice system

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DR PATERSON: So in that reducing recidivism, so the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, have we reduced the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our system since 2018?

Mr Rattenbury: Look, there are a number of ways to measure that. I am just looking for my data. Bear with me. What we have seen in recent years is, certainly the last 12 months, the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in custody most available the data said it did increase.

DR PATERSON: An increase?

Mr Rattenbury: An increase of about 11 to 12 people. So from 102 to 113 I think it was. If it is not that I will provide it on notice but it is that sort of border of magnitude. We have then seen other indicators which have shown positive signs.

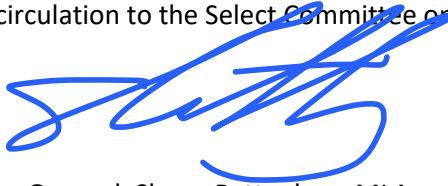
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Report on Government Services 2022-23 records the average daily number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees in custody as 112. This is an increase from 101 the previous reporting year (2021-22).

As at 30 July 2024, ACT Corrective Services records indicate there were 122 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees in custody at the Alexander Maconochie Centre.

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By the Attorney-General, Shane Rattenbury MLA