



# Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

## Answer to question taken on notice

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Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Corrections

In relation to: Corrections officer mandatory training

Hearing: 28/07/2026

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Ms Leanne Close: took on notice the following question(s):

**MR EMERSON:** Are you able to provide, either now or on notice, I noticed in a recent Auditor-General report that 27 per cent of training sessions have been cancelled between January 2024 and July 2025. So how many corrections officers are currently fully up to date with their mandatory training requirements?

**Ms Close:** We do keep all of that data. I will take that on notice, though, Mr Emerson, to look at that specific timeframe.

**MR EMERSON:** Thank you. Or currently, I am just pointing to the fact that some training sessions or quarter of training sessions are getting cancelled or were in that year and a half period. So how many how many officers are up to date and what proportion and then also specific to that use of force re-qualification you mentioned, a breakdown of how many have received that in the last year and how many have not.

**Ms Close:** I can take that on notice, yes.

Ms Caitlin Tough MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The table below provides information about Corrections Officers who are up-to-date with mandatory training. The table is current as at 3 August 2026.

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| Course                          | Current | Expired | Compliance |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Breathing Apparatus Refresher   | 220     | 51      | 82%        |
| Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation  | 234     | 37      | 87%        |
| First Aid                       | 252     | 19      | 93%        |
| Fire Awareness                  | 220     | 51      | 82%        |
| Use of Force Refresher          | 209     | 62      | 78%        |
| Suicide and Self Harm Awareness | 227     | 44      | 84%        |

209 officers (78 per cent) have completed their mandatory use of force refresher training within the last 12 months and 62 officers have not. Those who have not yet completed refresher training may not have done so due to such things as illness or leave as well as the postponement of training sessions.

While active efforts are made to seek 100 percent completion of mandated training, a range of systemic, operational and workforce factors, including the need to maintain sufficient operational capability to ensure a safe custodial environment, make this challenging. The ACT Government has recently invested significantly in training and facilities for custodial officers and the introduction of new courses and training classrooms have uplifted the quality and scope of training for custodial officers.

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Signature:



By the Minister for Corrections, Ms Caitlin Tough MLA

Date:

