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Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
15 November 2017

Asked by Ms Le Couteur

In relation to:

What are the rates of Hepatitis C in the Alexander Maconochie Centre both before and after the introduction of anti-viral vaccine being made available to a client.

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

On 1 March 2016, the Federal Minister for Health approved funding of Direct Acting Antiviral medications (not vaccines) to Australian prisoners over the age of 18 years, for the treatment of chronic Hepatitis C virus infection.

During February 2016, there was on average of 425 detainees in the AMC and an estimated 120 – 140 detainees with chronic Hepatitis C infection.

On 15 November 2017, there were 460 detainees in the AMC and 17 detainees are known to be infected with Hepatitis C virus.

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By the Minister for Mental Health, Shane Rattenbury MLA