



STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA (CHAIR), MARISA PATERSON MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), JO CLAY MLA

Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to: **Community-based corrections orders.**

Mr Hanson asked the Commissioner about a steady decline in the completion of community-based corrections orders.

1. How many adults are currently on community-based corrections orders?
2. What has led to the steady 10-year decrease in the completion of community corrections orders?
3. What has been tried to correct this?
4. What is the estimated cost of these failed community corrections orders to the ACT Government?
5. Will community corrections order tracking be implemented into CORIS?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. As at 25 February 2021, there were 1002 individuals under the supervision of Community Corrections.
2. Completion rates are affected by various factors such as offender risk profile, psychosocial factors and risk assessment and breach procedure policies. Given the complex and interactive nature of these factors, indicators relating to completion rates should be interpreted with caution.
3. ACTCS takes a proactive approach to the management of community-based corrections orders which provides offenders with appropriate support towards successful completion while also striving to detect and manage non-compliance.
4. There is no readily available modelling to illustrate the direct cost relating to non-compliance with community-based corrections orders. Community-based corrections orders are administered as an alternative to a custodial sentence and may be more cost effective comparatively to costs associated with incarceration.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

JACS No. 108

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA (CHAIR), MARISA PATERSON MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), JO CLAY MLA

5. Yes, community-based corrections orders will be tracked as part of the implementation of CORIS.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "MG", written over a horizontal line.

Date: 23/3/2021

By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA