



**STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

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**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: **AMC Reintegration Centre**

Ref: Budget Statement D, Output 2.1, Table 28: 2020-21 JACS Directorate Infrastructure Program, line item "AMC reintegration centre – Soil rectification contingency", p30

1. What does the line item "AMC reintegration centre – Soil rectification contingency" involve?  
What is soil rectification contingency?
2. When will construction on the Reintegration Centre begin?
  - a. When is construction intended to be complete?
3. Did the ACT Government receive multiple design suggestions/solutions during the design phase?
  - a. At any point, were there different recommendations on how many beds would be in the facility?
  - b. If so, what were the other recommendations and who gave them?
4. Will women be able to access the Reintegration Centre?
  - a. Will women be accommodated in the Reintegration Centre and have access to all visits, programs and other opportunities that are offered to the men?
5. Can the Minister provide the designs for the Reintegration Centre, even redacted ones if redactions are necessary?
6. Can the Minister provide the final scope, capabilities, capacity, and executive summaries for the Reintegration Centre?

Mick Gentleman MLA: I am advised that the answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The proposed Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) Reintegration Centre project has completed the design investigation which indicated that the current ground condition reflects reactive clays and unidentified fill material. These materials are not suitable as founding material for construction of substantial building structures. "Soil rectification contingency" refers to an initiative to rectify the soil and underground water condition on the site to enable construction to proceed appropriately.



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2. A tender associated with the construction of the proposed Reintegration Centre has not yet been let.
  - a. Not applicable, please see above.
3. In 2017, the ACT Government agreed that a feasibility study be undertaken to identify, prioritise and program the delivery of future correctional requirements in a staged and cost-effective manner. The study was presented in March 2018 and a lower-cost option (option six) was raised and a supplementary report prepared by GHD. Option six of the report was to expand the existing minimum-security Transitional Release Centre which is an annex to the AMC and dependent on the AMC for operational and program services while remaining physically detached from the AMC.
  - a. No.
  - b. Not applicable.
4. The ACT Government is considering accommodation arrangements for the proposed Reintegration Centre.
  - a. This is still under consideration, see response above.
5. As the tender associated with construction of the proposed Reintegration Centre has not been let, it is not possible to provide a copy of the designs.
6. As the tender associated with the construction of the proposed Reintegration Centre has not yet been let, it is not possible to provide the final scope, capabilities, capacity, and executive summaries for the Reintegration Centre.

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

Signature:

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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA