



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING  
Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Chair), Mr James Milligan MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

### Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22 ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 20 October 2021

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Asked by Mr Davis on 20 October 2021: Dave Pepper took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Interim findings into the smoking cessation pilot program at Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC).

Minister Davidson: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Due to operational restrictions an interim report for the Smoking Cessation Pilot Program (SCPP) was only completed on the males in the Accommodation Unit (AU) accommodation area of the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC). These findings are as below:

13 of the 17 male detainees completed a mid-evaluation questionnaire in week five. Four detainees declined to complete the questionnaire.

The findings were:

- 12 of the 13 male detainees interviewed in week 5 of the SCPP smoked tobacco prior to their admission;
- All detainees interviewed had previously tried to quit or reduce their tobacco consumption;
- All the detainees interviewed had access to:
  - NRT
  - Support services – Quitline via phone and or email, quit booklet “quit because you can”
- All detainees interviewed **accessed**
  - NRT regularly (patches and lozenges)
  - Lollypops (provided by corrections)

- All detainees interviewed **did not access** Support services – Quitline via phone and or email.
- Two detainees interviewed were previously prescribed champix in community;
- All detainees interviewed were exposed to second-hand smoke from other detainees in their accommodation area, particularly at night after lock in;
- All detainees interviewed were not exposed to second-hand smoke from correctional or other staff in their accommodation area; and
- 12 detainees interviewed reduced tobacco consumption since commencing SCPP.

All five women on SCPP declined to complete a mid-evaluation questionnaire in week five therefore data for interim report unable to be collected.

The AOD team plan to complete these post evaluation reports by the end of November 2021.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing.

Signature: 

Date: 30 OCT 2021

By the Minister for Justice Health, Emma Davidson