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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Population Health

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In relation to: Opioid treatment/management plans

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Question

MS CASTLEY: Education or? Right. Recommendations from the 2018 review into opioid treatment program.

Our recommendation to identify that justice health ensures an individual case plan is prepared for all vulnerable detainees being inducted onto the OMT program is required by the ACT guidelines including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees.

Can you talk about how that is going? Where we are at?

Ms Davidson: Yes, so this is about people who are on OMT within the AMC?

MS CASTLEY: And the recommendations that enter the 2018 review on the treatment program.

Ms Davidson: Okay. I think possibly Janet might be able to talk about how people are referred into the OMT program within the AMC at the moment.

Ms Zagari: I think I may need to take that on notice. I will see if Ms Mackenzie happens to be online and Teamsing me, she is just unwell. Then I will come back to that before the end, but otherwise I will take that question on notice and come back to you.

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

- The recommendation was completed in November 2018, with vulnerable detainees given priority access to Opioid Replacement Treatments (ORT). Priority access clients are assessed by a medical officer (MO) as soon as practicable to ensure positive client outcomes. All clients commenced on ORT follow a standardised assessment and treatment pathway as outlined in the

ORT - Justice Health Service Procedure. Individual needs are discussed at the ORT Clinical Meeting and inform a person's treatment plan.

- A recent audit indicated a low compliance rate with the completion of individual treatment plans.
- Justice Health Services has addressed this through increased staff education and monitored through a regular auditing schedule.

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Signature: *Emma Davidson*

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By the Minister for Population Health, Emma Davidson