



Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Minister for Women

Minister for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

Minister for Corrections

Minister for Gaming Reform

Member for Murrumbidgee

Mr Peter Cain MLA

Chair

Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

LACommitteeLegal@parliament.act.gov.au

Our ref: REC25/39809

24 February 2025

Dear Mr Cain,

I wish to issue a correction to the evidence I provided at the recent Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (the Committee) hearing for Corrective Services on Wednesday, 12 February 2025.

During this hearing, I stated 'we have one of the highest ratios of detainees to officers in the country' (page 4 of the Uncorrected Proof Copy transcript). I wish to correct this to 'we have one of the highest ratios of (*community corrections*) *offenders to staff* in the country'.

Relatedly, in response to a question from Mr Rattenbury regarding which ratio I was describing, I further stated inaccurately that it was 'less detainees per officer' (page 6 of the Uncorrected Proof Copy transcript). I wish to correct this to 'less (*community corrections*) *offenders per staff*'.

I apologise for any confusion that resulted from my misspeaking on this occasion and trust the Committee will accept the corrections provided above.

Yours sincerely



Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

Minister for Corrections

ACT Legislative Assembly London Circuit, GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601



+61 2 6205 1448



paterson@act.gov.au



[@marisa_paterson](https://twitter.com/marisa_paterson)



[MarisaPatersonMLA](https://www.facebook.com/MarisaPatersonMLA)



[marisapaterson_mla](https://www.instagram.com/marisapaterson_mla)