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Mr Chris Steel MLA

## Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual reports

Responses to questions on notice following on from the public hearing of  
8 November 2017

**Minister for Corrections**



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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by **Giulia Jones MLA** to the Minister for Corrections

Ref: JACSD Annual Report 2016–17, page 69



In relation to: feasibility study into accommodation and planning needs for the AMC

- (1) What is the newly amended scope for the feasibility study.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of the feasibility study.
  - a. To date, how much as the study cost.
  - b. Who and/or what firms have been contracted as part of this study.
- (3) What is the estimated cost of any accommodation plans being considered as part of the study.
- (4) What is the date for completion of this study.

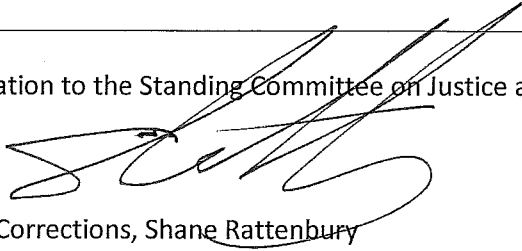
**Shane Rattenbury:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows

- (1) The objective of the feasibility study is to identify, prioritise and inform future correctional requirements in a staged, cost effective manner. Options for future male and female accommodation options will be considered in the study, which will provide high level conceptual architectural drawings, quantity surveyor costings of options, functional design briefs and a capital work plan and procurement strategy. The study will provide options for Government to consider as part of the 2018-19 budget process.
- (2) GHD have been engaged for \$275,000 including GST.
  - a. To date, ACT Corrective Services has not incurred costs.
  - b. GHD have engaged Perumal Pedavoli Architects to provide the conceptual drawings and Turner and Townsend quantity surveyors to provide the costings.

- (3) The feasibility study will consider options for accommodation plans which will be used to develop costings in line with preferred options.
- (4) The feasibility study will be completed this financial year.

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Asked by **Giulia Jones MLA** to the Minister for Corrections

In relation to:

Ref: JACSD Annual Report 2016–17, Statement of Performance, Output 2.1 Corrective Services, p. 335

In relation to: Average cost per detainee

- Please provide a breakdown of the \$298 average cost per detainee per day.

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

As reported in the JACSD Annual Report 2016-17, the \$298 average daily cost per detainee can be broken-down as follows.

- Employee Expenses (salaries etc.) =	\$187.00
- Food, bedding, clothing, and detainee transport and escort services =	\$96.00
- Overheads =	\$15.00
- <u>Total</u>	<u>\$298.00</u>

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Asked by **Giulia Jones MLA** to the Minister for Corrections

Ref: Justice and Community Safety Directorate Annual Report 2016-17, pp. 86–87

In relation to: Reviews and External Scrutiny

- Could you provide an update on where ACT Corrective Services is on each of the eight recommendations of the Moss Review which the ACT Government either agreed to or agreed to in principle.

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

I will provide a full update via a Ministerial Statement and Annual Report to the Legislative Assembly in February 2018.

In the meantime, implementation of the Moss Review recommendations is being undertaken by an Inter-Directorate Project team led by the Justice and Community Safety Directorate. This work is being closely overseen by a Steering Committee led by an Independent Chair, Mr Russell Taylor AM. The oversight committee comprises the Directors-General of JACS, ACT Health and the Community Services Directorate, along with representatives from Winnunga, the Elected Body and the Aboriginal Legal Service.

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Asked by **Giulia Jones MLA** to the Minister for Corrections

Ref: Table 9, Justice and Community Safety Directorate Annual Report 2016–17, p. 69

In relation to: Prisoner cohorts

- (1) Table 9, page 69, '*Daily Average Unsentenced Detainee Population*' notes that there is a gender unspecified segment of the prison population. In an answer to QON 654, you advised that there is scope for detainees in the AMC to identify as neither male nor female, or to identify as transgendered. If one of the currently male detainees decided to identify as a female, would that detainee be moved over to the women's accommodation?
- (2) How many of the self-identification gender does ACTCS recognise for prisoners of the Alexander Maconochie Centre?
- (3) Can you rule out any taxpayers' money being spent on gender reassignment surgery or any related procedures should a detainee ever a) request to change their gender or b) be incarcerated while in the transitional phase?

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

- (1) Accommodation classification for all detainees is determined through a risk assessment. If a current male detainee decided to identify as a female, a new accommodation assessment would be undertaken.

ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) Operations Managers, Justice Health staff and mental health staff work collaboratively to conduct accommodation assessments for detainees who identify as transgender or intersex and consider the following:

- the gender by which the detainee identifies
- the nature of their offence and criminal history
- correctional history
- risks to the continuing safety of the detainee and other detainees.

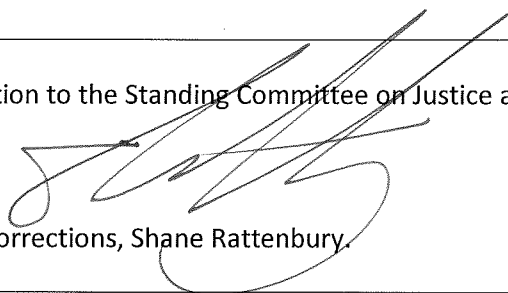


- (2) ACTCS recognises that detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre may self-identify as male, female or other, with two subcategories of 'other' being intersex and transgender.
- (3) ACTCS facilitates the provision of health care at ACT correctional centres to ensure that detainees have access to a standard of health care equivalent to that available to other residents of the ACT.

Justice Health Services are responsible for the provision of health services at ACT correctional centres and would be better positioned to provide information on health matters.

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