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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: **Recommendation 68 and inspection of mail**

Ref: JACS Annual Report 2019-2020, Output 2.1, "ACT Inspector of Correctional Services – Healthy Prison Review of the AMC 2019"

1. Has the ACT Government fully implemented recommendation 68?
2. Is the hardcopy mail of detainees sent to legal representatives unmonitored by ACTCS?
3. How does ACTCS differentiate between mail sent to legal representatives and mail sent to non-legal representatives without opening and inspecting the mail?

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

1. Yes. Recommendation 68 was fully implemented in September 2019.
2. Mail that is clearly marked as 'legal mail' between detainees and legal representatives is unopened by ACTCS staff.
3. Mail that is being sent to legal representatives should be clearly marked as legal mail to allow staff to differentiate it from mail being sent to other parties.

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

Signature:

Date: 24/3/2021

By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA