



STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING  
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**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA

Ref: Justice Health, Budget paper C, page number 40, Output 1.2

In relation to: The 2021-2022 ACT Health Budget Statement, “providing health assessments and care for people detained in corrective facilities” on page 40

1. What factors ultimately decide if an individual is sent to the hospital from the AMC?
  - a. Who has the final say over whether a detainee is sent to the hospital as opposed to being treated at the AMC?
2. Are there any factors such as head injuries that immediately warrant a trip to the hospital?
  - a. If so, what are these factors?
3. Does the government have a key indicator based on hospitalisations from the AMC?

[Ms Kikkert]: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. The Medical Officer either on site or on-call makes this determination based on their assessment or the assessment of nursing staff. If there are no nursing staff on duty, the medical officer may direct that an ambulance be called and advice sought from the Ambulance Officer
  - a. ACT Corrective Services in accordance with *Section 54 of the Corrections Management Act 2007*
2. There are any number of medical issues which may result in an emergency transfer to hospital which may include but are not limited to acute exacerbations of cardiac or respiratory conditions, trauma, acute illness such as infection, acute mental illness requiring care under the *Mental Health Act 2015*.
3. No

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

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By the Minister for Justice Health, Emma Davidson