Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA:

Ref: Corrections, JACS Annual Report 2020-21 p127

In relation to: Recommendation 38 and 39 of the 2019 Healthy Prison Review (HPR)

- 1. Has the funded position referenced in recommendation 38 been filled?
 - a. When was this person hired and what is their FTE?
- 2. What administrative support is available for the Indigenous Services Unit (ISU) at the AMC?
 - a. Does the ISU have a dedicated administrative support officer?
- b. What is the relationship between the ISU and Indigenous Liaison Officers?

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

- 1. Yes, the position of female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Liaison Officer has been filled. The position was created on 6 May 2020 and was permanently filled on 11 June 2020. The position is 1 Full Time Equivalent.
- 2. The AMC Executive Support unit can provide administrative support to the Indigenous Services Unit (ISU) when requested. The ISU does not have a dedicated administrative support officer.
- 3. The ISU is comprised of four staff:
 - Team Leader (SOGC);
 - 2 x Aboriginal Liaison Officers (ASO6);
 - Aboriginal Services Officer (ASO5).

Each position within the unit performs a liaison function with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients of a varying nature and with external agencies such as ACT Health, ACT Policing and the Aboriginal Legal Service.

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Signature: Date: 21/3/2020

By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA