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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023**

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA: To ask the Minister for Corrections

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In relation to: Worksafe notices issued on the Alexander Maconochie Centre

1. Worksafe ACT Improvement Notice Number N-0000001430 was issued to the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) last year. A Worksafe inspector observed that the Corrections Management (Smoking) Policy was not being enforced and had identified the risk of second-hand cigarette smoke in the workplace. What work has been done at the AMC to rectify any issues that were identified by the inspector?
  - a. Has the improvement notice been lifted and is the AMC now considered to be compliant with the Smoking policy?
2. Has the AMC been issued with anymore Worksafe notices since then?
  - a. If so, what type of notices were issued, what were they concerning and what are the numbers of the notices?

**Mick Gentleman MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

1. ACT Corrective Services is actively working with WorkSafe ACT in responding to the Improvement Notice. Several initiatives have been underway at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) since the improvement notice was first issued.

This includes regular staff and union consultation about no-smoking policies at AMC work health and safety committee meetings. AMC Management has reinforced and monitored compliance of staff and detainees with the Smoking Policy as it currently stands.

The ACT Government has announced the transition to a smoke-free AMC. The Improvement Notice has been extended to 30 June 2023 to allow time for an effective and safe transition of the AMC to a fully smoke-free facility in the next 12 months, or longer if necessary.

2. The AMC has not been issued with any other WorkSafe ACT Improvement Notices.

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA