



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by **MS ELIZABETH KICKERT MLA** on 10 November 2022:

Reference: Canberra Health Services Annual Report 2021-2022, Output 1.2

In relation to: Government response to the “Management of detainee mental health services in the Alexander Maconochie Centre” Auditor-General report

1. The government committed to have recommendations 8 and 9 completed by the end of September 2022. Have those recommendations been implemented?
 - a. If so, can the Minister describe what actions were taken to implement them?
 - b. If not, why not?

MINISTER EMMA DAVIDSON MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

1. Recommendations 8 and 9 of the Auditor-General report have been jointly considered and implemented.
 - a. The Health Advisory Committee and its functions have been replaced by the bi-monthly Detainee Health and Wellbeing Oversight committee. This committee will be responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of the Detainee Health and Wellbeing Strategy, a joint initiative outlining shared values and goals and commitment to detainee health and wellbeing.

The committee brings together senior executive members and senior managers of ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS), Justice Health Service (JHS), and Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Community Services (WNAHCS) along with representatives of the ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD).

Recommendation 8 - the Terms of Reference were updated and endorsed by the committee in November 2022.

Recommendation 9 - Detainee Health and Wellbeing Oversight Committee Terms of Reference captures the governance and reporting lines.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature: *Emma Davidson*

Date: 23 December 2022

By the Minister for Justice Health, Ms Emma Davidson MLA