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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: **Women prisoners in a designed-for-males area of the AMC**

Ref: JACS 2019-2020 Annual Report, subheading "Healthy Prison Review of the AMC"

1. During an estimates hearing on Thursday 25th February 2021, Minister Gentleman was asked about the accommodation of women prisoners at the AMC and what is being done to change their situation. The Minister stated that "we are working on a solution" and "we're looking at options for the future".
 - a. What is this solution?
 - b. What progress is being made on this solution?
 - c. What options are being looked at?

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

1. As advised during the hearings, the ACT Government is in the process of carefully considering various options with respect to the accommodation of women at the AMC into the future. Deliberations consider the findings outlined within the Healthy Prison Review Report issued by the Inspector of Correctional Services in addition to operational matters. Information regarding next steps will be available following considerations of Government.

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