



STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Corrections

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In relation to: Line item “Contraband detection and intelligence solution”

1. Can the Minister provide a more detailed description of what this line item entails?
2. Can the Minister provide an itemised list of what this line item will be used for and at what cost for each item?
 - a. Is any of this funding going toward drone detection?
 - b. Is any of this funding going toward drone interception?
3. What measures already exist for contraband detection?
4. Are there any measures for drone detection?
 - a. If so, what are those measures and does the AMC operate those measures internally?
 - b. If so, how many drones have been detected flying over the AMC in the last 4 years?
 - i. How many of these drones were suspected of carrying contraband for delivery to the AMC?
 - c. If not, are solutions being investigated and if they are, what are those solutions?
5. Regarding the drone that was caught dispensing contraband in the AMC at the start June 2020, how was that drone detected?
 - a. Was the drone seized?
 - i. If so, what was the brand of the drone or was it determined to have been homemade?
 - b. What action has been taken since the incident to respond and adapt to drone incursions?

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

- 1) The Government will provide additional contraband detection equipment at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) to improve operational safety and security for both staff and detainees.

- 2) The following costs are for the purchase price of each item and do not include installation, training or administrative costs associated with the purchases:

Item	Cost (excluding GST)
Full Body X-Ray Scanner	(Estimate) \$250,000
Portable Scanning Device	\$4,500
Mobile phone detection device	\$10,000
Handheld metal detectors	\$1,570
Handheld backscatter	\$65,000

- a. None of this funding is going toward drone detection.
 - b. None of this funding is going toward drone interception.
- 3) The following technical contraband detection measures are already utilised:
- X-ray machine for baggage
 - Rototurn metal detection
 - more than 20 metal detection wands
 - one walk-through contraband metal detector MSD pole
 - four walk-through metal detection portals
 - heartbeat detection in the sally port
 - CCTV is also used for surveillance and monitoring.
- 4) There are currently no measures specifically for drone detection.
- 5) The drone identified in June 2020 was sighted by staff.
- a. The drone was not seized.
 - b. ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) seeks intelligence to indicate any proposed use of drones by detainees. Regular searches are conducted of sterile and common open areas to detect any contraband introduced, either by throwing over the fence or by drone drop.

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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA