



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 items “More support for families and inclusion – Providing safe alternatives to remand”
on page 31

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?
3. Why was the \$187,000 intended for the 2020-21 financial year not spent and why has it been pushed back to 2021-2022?

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

1. This line item refers to the budget initiative approved as part of the 2018-19 Budget Review to deliver short-term accommodation options to help ensure bail granted by the courts is safe, sustainable, and helps to divert people away from the Alexander Maconochie Centre. The capital funding was provided to JACS to undertake a fit-out and provide furniture for an 8 bed hostel, based on an identified hostel style accommodation that could be available for this purpose. However, the identified accommodation did not meet building code requirements and required significant expenditure (beyond the capital funding provided) to be fit for purpose.
2. The project is currently under review to ascertain how this funding can be best utilised in meeting the purpose to deliver short term bail accommodation.
3. The project is currently under review to ascertain how this funding can be best utilised in the current financial year.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature:

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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA