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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA: To ask the Minister for Corrections

Ref: Corrections, Budget Statement D 2022-2023, Output 2.1

In relation to: Inspector for Correctional Services funding

1. When funding for the Office of the ACT Inspector for Correctional Services was being discussed in this year's budget deliberations, why was it decided to not increase the funding for the Inspector's office commensurate to their increased duties since the inception of the office?
2. Does the Minister believe there is a risk of reduced oversight quality if the Inspector's office continues to be understaffed and under-resourced?
3. In response to a recommendation from last year's estimates hearings to fund an additional FTE position within the Office of the Inspector, the government said they'd consider any additional resourcing as part of usual budget processes. What ended up being more highly prioritised than giving the Inspector the funding they requested?

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

The ACT Government continues to work closely with the Office of the ACT Inspector for Correctional Services to ensure it is adequately resourced to provide their oversight responsibilities.

The ACT Government has full confidence in the quality of the oversight provided by the Office of the ACT Inspector for Correctional Services.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature:

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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA