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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Andrew Braddock MLA on 1 September 2022: Ray Johnson, Commissioner ACT Corrective Services took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR BRADDOCK: So what proportion of people would be subject to punitive actions versus those who go down therapeutic pathways?

Mr Johnson: Well, as I said, everyone gets the opportunity to go down the therapeutic pathway. I would have to go and do some studies of the numbers to know how many of those were dealt with as a disciplinary matter, and then, what the disciplinary outcome might be because you could deal with it as a disciplinary matter but not necessarily a punitive outcome.

You know, it could be discipline, it could be alcohol and drug programs that is part of the discipline, it might be something else. So the outcome is also relevant to the discipline. It does not necessarily mean because they have gone down a discipline path that they have necessarily been dealt with punitively as well. So it is a complicated question, I suppose. Sorry to make it hard. I know we are going with it, but it is not probably as simple as that.

MR BRADDOCK: Any information you can provide me on notice to help me understand that complicated question I would appreciate that.

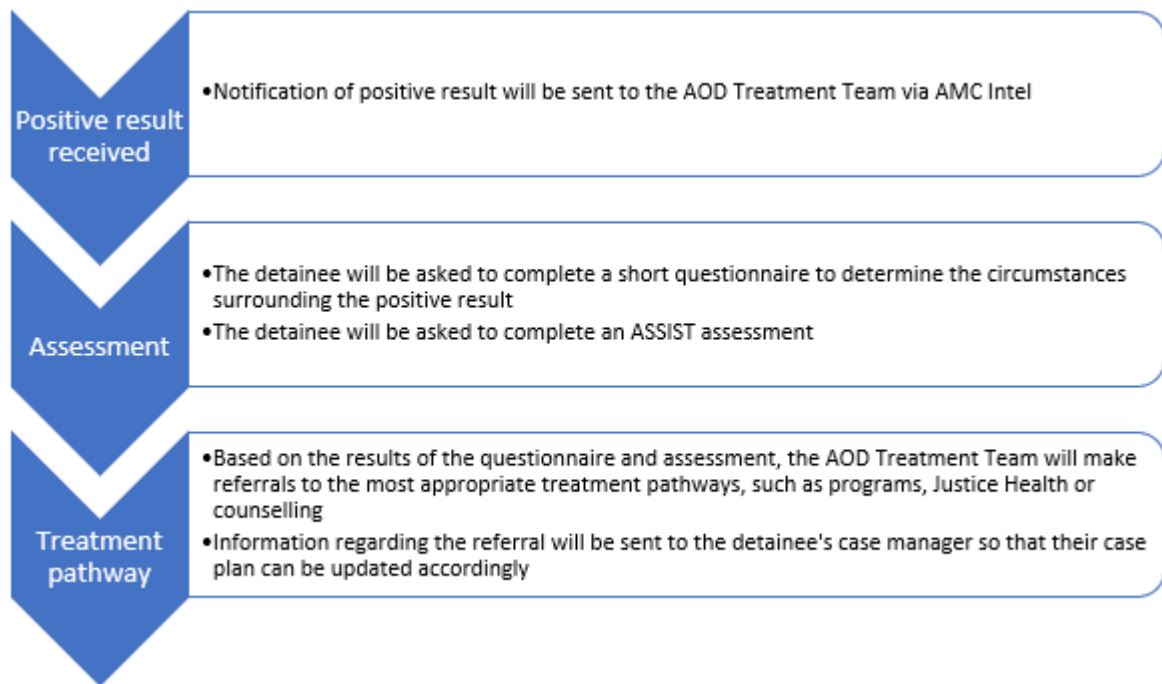
Mr Johnson: Certainly.

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


Since 1 January 2022, 142 urinalysis tests have been undertaken on detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC). Of the 142 tests, nine returned a positive result after lab verification, of which seven resulted in a disciplinary breach or warning (six of these received 28 days no contact visits, and one received seven days loss of privileges).

The return of a positive urinalysis result may be impacted by other mitigating circumstances – for instance, a further 38 non-negative results were returned since 1 January 2022, which were due to confirmed prescribed medication or within the grace period of being a new admission.

Detainees who test positive to drug use in the AMC are referred/assessed for appropriate treatment pathways as follows:



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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA