



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by **MS ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA** on 10 November 2022:

Reference: Canberra Health Services Annual Report 2021-2022, Output 1.2

In relation to: Waiting lists

1. How many detainees are on the non-emergency dental waiting list as of 10 November 2022?
 - a. What is the average wait time?
2. How many detainees are on the waiting list to see a psychiatrist as of 10 November 2022?
 - a. What is the average wait time?
3. How many detainees are on the optometrist waiting list as of 10 November 2022?
 - a. What is the average wait time?

MINISTER EMMA DAVIDSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. 71 detainees were waiting for non-urgent dental care at the Hume Health Centre of 8 November 2022. Data as of 10 November 2022 is not readily available.
 - a. Oral Health Services does not report on average wait times for services at Hume Health Centre as it does not accurately account for the complexity of the triage and management process. On 1 November 2022, the longest waiting client had been added to the wait list on 14 December 2021.
2. As of 10 November 2022, there were no detainees on the waiting list to see a psychiatrist.
 - a. The average wait time for psychiatric review is 1 to 2 weeks.

3. Justice Health Services has not been able to secure an optometry service to provide optometry services within the AMC since June 2020 so detainees must access community outpatient services. As of 10 November 2022, there were 21 detainees on the optometrist waiting list.
 - a. The average wait time for a routine optometry review is approximately 12 months, noting that optometry reviews are triaged and prioritised alongside all other external medical escorts.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature:



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By the Minister for Justice Health, Ms Emma Davidson MLA