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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA on Tuesday, 18 July 2023: Mr Johnson took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Staffing levels at the AMC

MRS KIKKERT: How often are we seeing lockdowns and cancelled escorts and cancelled activities at the prison due to staff shortage?

Mr Johnson: We would have to take that on notice to give you the right numbers and the purpose to such things.

MICK GENTLEMAN MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

Between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023:

- There were no full day lock-ins of the whole centre. Only one lock in for this time period was noted as a full centre lock in, which lasted for 3.5hrs.
- A total of 54 partial lock-ins occurred within discreet areas of the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) due to limited staff, however, there has not been any since the 6 May 2023. The 54 includes each discreet area during rolling lock-ins so may add up to more than one per day. The AMC will most often manage a rolling lock in process, where accommodation areas are locked and unlocked in sequence, to minimise the need to lock down the entire AMC population.
- On four occasions, education times needed to be cancelled due to staff shortages or due to a staff event which required extending the regular lock-in period.

- A total of 43 detainee escorts were cancelled. It has been specifically noted that during the past four months there has been no issue of staff shortages impacting medical escorts.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA