



STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING  
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Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA:

Ref: Justice Health, Budget paper C, page number 40, Output 1.2

In relation to: The 2021-2022 ACT Health Budget Statement, “providing health assessments and care for people detained in corrective facilities” on page 40

1. Does the ACT use an abbreviated injury scale (AIS) such as the one in NSW to assess severity of injuries?
2. Is there a standardised method such as a flow chart or procedure that assists the assessing medical professional in determining the severity of the injury on the “prisoner injury report form”?
  - a. If not, is this determination solely up to the assessor?
3. Is there a standardised method such as a flow chart of procedure that assists the assessing medical professional in determining whether a detainee should be hospitalised?
4. Is there a standardised method such as a flow chart of procedure that assists the assessing medical professional in determining whether a detainee should be given an X-ray or MRI?

MINISTER DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows: –

1. No
2. No
  - a. Yes, based on clinical assessment
3. No, this decision is based on clinical assessment
4. No, this decision is based on clinical assessment

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

Signature: *Emma Davidson*

Date: 2 November 2021

By the Minister for Justice Health, Emma Davidson MLA