



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by ELIZABETH KIKKERT:

Ref: ACT Inspector of Correctional Services Annual Report 2020-2021, JACS hearing 0945-1015 Wednesday 23rd February 2022

In relation to: Implementation of Recommendations from Healthy Prison Review (HPR) 2019

1. During the hearing, Deputy Inspector Rebecca Minty stated that the Inspectors office, in relation to implemented recommendations, “still takes issue with a couple of those”. Could the Inspector please elaborate on that statement?
2. If there are recommendations that ACTCS claim to be implemented, but the Inspectors office differs in opinion, what are those recommendations and what are the differences in opinion?

Office of the Inspector of Correctional Services: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) have advised the Office of the Inspector of Correctional Services (OICS) that certain recommendations are implemented. In relation to certain recommendations, OICS does not concur.
2. These recommendations include
 - a. Recommendation 19. We have not been provided with a stripsearch register that in our view complies with section 110 of the *Corrections Management Act 2007 (ACT)*.
 - b. Recommendation 27. There are many policies/procedures that have not been reviewed or updated in many years (for example, from 2010 and 2014).
 - c. Recommendation 29. The omnibus policy *Corrections Management Policies and Operating Procedures 2017 (No 2)* is still in force. Some of the policies it notifies appear to now be separately notified whilst some are not.
 - d. Recommendation 30. There are policies with wholesale redactions (‘exclusions’), for example, all of the policies and procedures referred to in the *Corrections Management Policies and Operating Procedures 2017 (No 2)* are fully redacted.
 - e. Recommendation 31. The self-catering allowance was increased from \$50 to \$55 but has not been indexed annually with the CPI. Furthermore, OICS understands there has been significant increase in the cost of some buy-up items reducing the impact of the one-off increase.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

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Signature:

Date: 10 March 2022

By the Deputy Inspector, Office of the Inspector of Correctional Services