



## Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023**

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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Asked by Ms Kikkert MLA on Tuesday, 14 November 2023: Mr Aloisi took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Women Detainees

**THE CHAIR:** So page 18 of the report, has an issue where the incentive and earned privileges policy appear to have affected the frequency of lock-ins for women detainees. Can you explain the correlation there?

**Mr Aloisi:** I am not certain. I will have a look if we have got any explanation for that. I am certain—

**THE CHAIR:** Take that on notice—

**Mr Aloisi:** I will take that one on notice.

**THE CHAIR:** Thank you.

**MICK GENTLEMAN:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

A detainee's Incentive and Earned Privileges (IEP) level may impact on their time out of cell as they may be managed by a specific regime aimed at encouraging prosocial and positive behaviours. Due to the complexities of the Women's Care Centre (WCC), including the shared outdoor area for all female accommodation units, the implementation of regimes for some detainees due to their IEP level may impact the broader population on a limited basis.

For example on 15 November 2023, the schedule for female detainees required those on Enhanced level and Standard level of IEP to be locked in for an extra two hours to allow for those on Basic level to have time out of their cell. These lock ins do not affect scheduled programs, meetings or appointments. Furthermore, ACTCS are in the early stages of planning for WCC upgrades that will include consideration of ways to separate the shared outdoor area, hence removing the requirement for those on Enhanced level and Standard level to be locked-in to facilitate time out of cell for detainees on Basic level.

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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA