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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

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In relation to: Critical incident review costs

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Ms Minty: In the previous financial year, there were I think two critical incidents.

THE CHAIR: And what were the costs of a review for each of those?

Ms Minty: So this would be the—this is the—there was a critical incident, the alleged sexual assault—so we are talking 23-24 financial year? The alleged sexual assault at the AMC, that—I would have to take on notice the exact cost of engaging the clinical expert. It was not a hugely significant amount. It was a number of days of her staff time and the rest of it was our own staff time.

The other critical incident in that financial year—

Mr Costello: Has been commenced and not finished, I believe.

Ms Minty: Yes, that is correct, yes.

Inspector of Correctional Services: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

In 2023-24 financial year, the Inspector was notified of four matters that met the definition of a critical incident. Already the Inspector has exercised her discretion to review one of these incidents (the report has yet to be tabled). No consultants have been engaged to date for the purposes of this review.

Of the remaining 3 critical incident notifications, the Inspector is still considering whether or not to conduct a review into two, one of which is presently before the coroner. The Inspector has already formally determined not to undertake a review into the remaining critical incident.

In the 2023-24 financial year, one critical incident review was tabled for an incident that occurred in the previous financial year - *Review of An Alleged Sexual Assault of a Detained Person at the Alexander Maconochie Centre* (tabled 30 November 2023).

Section 18(2) of the *Inspector of Correctional Services Act 2017* requires that in undertaking a review, the inspector must, if appropriate and practicable, consult with people, or use staff, suitable to the cultural background or vulnerability of any detainee involved in a matter being examined or reviewed.

In undertaking the review tabled on 30 November 2023, the Inspector engaged one consultant - a clinical reviewer - who invoiced the office \$2,145 for her time. Other than costs associated with design and printing of the final report, this was the only additional expenditure necessary. Existing internal resources were used to undertake all other aspects of this review.

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Signature:

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By the Inspector of Correctional Services, Ms Rebecca Minty