



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Corrections

In relation to: Corrections and Contraband at the AMC

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THE CHAIR: Okay, thank you. Documents released under FOI earlier this year showed 23 suspension notices issued to visitors and staff for smuggling contraband into the AMC. Can you provide an update of the number of staff found in possession of contraband on site since July?

Ms Close: Since July? I suspect it would be—

THE CHAIR: July 2024.

Ms Close: Okay, I will take that on notice, Ms Barry. It will be very small numbers, but I do not have that number with me today so I will take it on notice.

DR MARISA PATERSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

[ACT Corrective Services \(ACTCS\) records covering the period 1 July 2024 to 26 November 2025 do not indicate any ACTCS staff members have been identified in possession of contraband while at the AMC.](#)

[Current practices within the AMC require staff to pass through metal detectors with their personal possessions being subjected to x-ray scanning. Should items be identified during this process and not be considered illicit in nature, staff are given the option to appropriately store items in a locker or their vehicle before entering the centre. These detections are not recorded.](#)

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Should illicit items be identified, the matters will be managed in accordance with the ACT *Public Sector Management Act 1994* and Code of Conduct provisions and referred to the Professional Standards Unit, the Integrity Commission or ACT Policing depending upon the circumstances and as appropriate.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

Signature: 

Date: 01/12/25

By the Minister for Corrections, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA