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FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA: To ask the Inspector of Correctional Services:

In relation to: **Women in Custody Reference Group**

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What has the Women in Custody Reference Group recommended so far and have these recommendations been implemented?

Mick Gentleman MLA: I am advised that the answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

In response to recommendations from the Women in Custody Reference Group, ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) is considering changes in the following areas, with the planning for implementation underway.

- **Visits**
  - ACTCS is planning to increase visiting days, with certain days to be dedicated to audio-visual link visits.
  - ACTCS is further exploring the introduction of 'tablets' to enhance visits.
- **Job specialist at the AMC**
  - ACTCS is developing an approach to providing more structured support relating to job seeking (i.e. support in CV and interview preparation) which will be reported back to the Women in Custody Reference Group.
- **Peer Support Mentors**
  - ACTCS is developing a program to establish peer support mentors.

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

Signature:

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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA