



STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Deputy Chair),
Ms Jo Clav MLA

Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA on 28 October 2021:

In relation to: Nelson Mandela Rules and ACT Standards for Adult Corrective Services

1. Is the Inspector aware of any Nelson Mandela Rules that are currently not being met at ACTCS?
2. Is the Inspector aware of any ACT Standards that are currently not being met by ACTCS?

NEIL MCALLISTER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Yes, for example, Rule 84(1), Rule 8(b) relating to separation of untried prisoners from convicted prisoners. The ACT Standards draw heavily on the Nelson Mandela Rules, but also other sources to provide a benchmark for examining practice when conducting whole of centre reviews. I therefore do not separately assess ACTCS performance against the Nelson Mandela Rules.
2. The Healthy Prison Review 2019 provided a point in time assessment of whether the ACT Standards were being met. The next whole of centre review of the AMC (Healthy Prison Review 2022) will involve assessing ACTCS custodial practices against the ACT Standards. This review will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly before 7 December 2022.

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

Signature:

Date: 8 November 2021

By the Inspector of Correctional Services, Neil McAllister