



STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING  
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**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Justice Health

Ref: Justice Health, Budget paper C, page number 40, Output 1.2

In relation to: The 2021-2022 ACT Health Budget Statement, “providing health assessments and care for people detained in corrective facilities” on page 40

1. Are all Justice Health staff subject to the ACT vaccination mandate for healthcare workers?
  - a. If not, why not?
  - b. If so, what is the current vaccination rate among Justice Health staff?
  - c. Are Justice Health Staff only allowed within the AMC once they have been fully vaccinated?
  
2. Why did the government decide against a vaccine mandate for Corrections Officers?

MINISTER DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. Yes
  - a. Not applicable
  - b. 100 per cent
  - c. As Justice Health Services staff are employed by Canberra Health Services (CHS) they are subject to the Public Health Direction which applies to CHS staff and as such are not permitted to attend work if they are unvaccinated and do not have an approved exemption under that order
  
2. All correctional officers at the AMC have been eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination as a priority under Phase 1B of the vaccine rollout plan. They have been encouraged to be vaccinated at an ACT Government clinic or through a participating general practice.

The ACT Public Service is developing a framework for considering workplace COVID-19 vaccination requirements. That framework will support a consistent, evidence-based approach across the ACTPS when considering workforce COVID-19 vaccination requirements. The mandatory vaccination of ACTCS staff is under continued consideration.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

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By the Minister for Justice Health, Emma Davidson MLA