



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Justice Health

Ref: Justice Health, JACS hearing 1000-1030 Monday 21 February 2022

In relation to: Increased funding for Winnunga and service improvements

1. During the hearing, Minister Davidson stated that after significantly increasing funding for Winnunga Health Centre at the AMC, she expects to see improvements in services going forward. What areas of Winnunga Health Centre did this funding go toward (i.e more staff, more services)?
2. Specifically, what improvements are you expecting to see in health provision?

MS DAVIDSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Winnunga Model of Care progresses the ACT Government's commitment to the full implementation of the 2016 Moss Inquiry recommendations. The model is the first of its kind nationally to be implemented in a correctional facility.

1. Increased funding went towards:
 - Psychology Services - for Winnunga to recruit and employ a full-time Psychologist to enable the provision of specialist mental health assessments which relate to focussed psychological strategies and services for an assessed mental disorder as a part of the GP Mental Health Treatment Plan.
 - Nursing component - A significant element of the Winnunga Model of Care incorporates registered nurses providing daily services to Winnunga clients at the AMC. The Winnunga AMC nurses are rostered on shifts and provide through care to detainee's post release and account for up to 81% of service contacts within the AMC.
 - A specialist GP (0.5 FTE), clinical supervision and social and emotional wellbeing staff to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees..

- Covering pharmaceutical compounding costs.
2. Impacts of the AMC-Winnunga Model of Care have included:
- better health and life outcomes for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, with significantly increased satisfaction with regard to timely, respectful, and culturally safe care being reported by clients;
 - Increased service delivery and support better positions detainees for transition into the community and engagement with appropriate throughcare and outreach support services; reduced operational and staffing pressure ; and
 - integration of cultural knowledge and healing practices into, and parallel with, mainstream services to ensure culturally responsive care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Justice Health, Minister Emma Davidson