



## Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

### **Inquiry into Annual Reports 2021-2022**

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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Asked by: Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA

- Reference: Hearing on 10 November 2022, ACT Inspector of Correctional Services Annual Report 2021-2022

In relation to: Implementation of recommendations


1. Are there any recommendations that ACTCS claims to have implemented that OICS does not believe have been properly implemented?
  - a. If so, what are those recommendations and why does OICS believe they have not been properly implemented?
2. Where there is a dispute between ACTCS and OICS about whether a recommendation has been properly implemented, how is that dispute resolved?

[Statutory office]: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. In an earlier phase of the Office of the Inspector of Correctional Services (OICS) "evolution" OICS attempted a validation process for government-agreed recommendations (did they do what they agreed to do?) but found that we did not have staff resources to support this process, noting that as of 30 June 2022 OICS had made 188 recommendations arising from various reviews.

2. If in the course of conducting further reviews OICS finds previous government 'agreed' recommendations that do not appear to have implemented, we will note them in the relevant report. It is a matter for the ACT Government to ensure that recommendations are 'properly implemented'.

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

Signature: 

Date: 15 November 2022

By the ACT Inspector of Correctional, Neil McAllister