



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Corrections

Reference: Correctional Services

Hearing: 28 July 2026

In relation to: Strip Search Raking Technique

Question received: 29 July 2026

Answer Due: 12 August 2026

1. Was the raking technique used by Sean Harrison that was the subject of recent court proceedings a technique that was ever taught to correctional officers?
2. When did it start being taught?
3. When did it stop being taught, and why?
4. Has the Public Sector Standards Commissioner concluded its investigation into Sean Harrison and, if so, when was JACS informed of this?
5. Has Mr Harrison been cleared of misconduct by the Public Sector Standards Commissioner?
6. Has Mr Harrison been suspended from his role?
7. If so, is he still suspended, and is the suspension with or without pay?
8. If Mr Harrison was suspended, when was he suspended?

Ms Caitlin Tough MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) No. The ACTCS Training and Development Unit (TDU) is not aware of any technique referred to as the "raking technique" having ever been taught as part of its correctional officer training programs. ACTCS can confirm that training delivered through the ACTCS Searching package does not include any practice involving the forcible movement of a detainee's limb for the purpose of dislodging contraband.
- (2) Not applicable. See response to question (1).

- (3) Not applicable. See response to question (1)
- (4) The PSSC has concluded its investigation and JACS was informed on 15 June 2026.
- (5) Unable to provide a response due to employment and personal information being protected under the *Information Privacy Act 2014*
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- (8) Unable to provide a response due to employment and personal information being protected under the *Information Privacy Act 2014*.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature:



By the Minister for Corrections, Ms Caitlin Tough MLA

Date:

