

# ESTIMATES 2009-2010

## Question on Notice

### Minister for Corrections

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*AMC Construction*

Amanda Bresnan MLA: To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to: the construction of the AMC

1. What is the agreed completion date for the AMC in the ACT Government contract with Bovis?
2. What does the ACT Government consider to be the actual completion date (ie. Is this the date at which remandees and or detainees were first formally entered into the AMC)?
3. What is the cost to the ACT Government for employing SKM in relation to the construction of the AMC, between the two dates above? And where in ACT Government budget documents past or present is this accounted for (line item if available)?
4. What is the cost to the ACT Government for employing Webb in relation to the construction of the AMC, between the two dates above? And where in ACT Government budget documents past or present is this accounted for (line item if available)?
5. Where there any other consultancies, separate to that provided through Bovis, that the ACT Government employed during this period, to assist in completing the construction of the AMC? If yes, who were the consultancies and what is the cost to the ACT Government for employing these consultancies for this time period? And where in ACT Government budget documents past or present are these consultancies accounted for (line item if available)?
6. How many Corrections ACT staff were predominately working on the AMC construction project between these dates and what is/was the cost to the ACT Government for their salaries between these two dates?
7. How many Procurement Solutions staff were predominately working on the AMC construction project between these dates and what is/was the cost to the ACT Government for their salaries between these two dates?
8. Where there any other ACT Government staff predominately working on the AMC construction project between these dates? If so, how many were there and what is/was the cost to the ACT Government for their salaries between these two dates?
9. How many staff were contracted to begin working in the AMC, and could not do their work for which they were specifically employed because the AMC was not yet open? How much were their salaries in total for this period in time? And what tasks were these staff given to do during this time?
10. What was the total cost to the ACT Government for paying the NSW Government for holding sentenced offenders in NSW for the period between these two dates?
11. What was the total cost to the ACT Government for operating Quamby as a site of overflow? And where in ACT Government budget documents past or present is this accounted for (line item if available)?
12. Are there any other financial costs that the ACT Government had to pay between these two dates for work relating to the construction of the AMC? (for example, insurance.) And where

in ACT Government budget documents past or present is this accounted for (line item if available)?

13. What is the total amount of money that the ACT Government has paid to Bovis until 20 May 2009 for the construction of the AMC? And what is the anticipated total cost left to be paid to Bovis?
14. At what stage in negotiations is the ACT Government with Bovis in agreeing on the number of working days that have been available or have occurred, post the agreed completion date?
15. What number of working days does the ACT Government's propose have been available or have occurred, post the agreed completion date?

MR HARGREAVES: the answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) The Contract does not specify a completion date.
- (2) The date of receipt of prisoners and the date of handover are separate issues. The handover by Bovis Lend Lease took place on Friday 20 March 2009. The first prisoners were moved to the AMC on Monday 30 March 2009.
- (3) See (1). Continuing work by SKM would have resulted in ongoing costs irrespective of any possible completion in September 2008. Costs are not recorded individually in ACT Government budget papers, but are recorded on departmental accounting system.
- (4) Webb Australia Group is not employed by the ACT Government but is a sub-contractor for the design consultants, Codd Stenders May Russell.
- (5) (a) A security contractor, Mr Charles Thomas, between December 2008 and March 2009 at a cost of \$16,192.74.  
  
(b) Mr Bryan Ahern, an expert to arbitrate, was engaged at cost of \$11,902.50.

During the construction and subsequent warranty period of the contract, the AMC Capital Costs are incorporated in Procurement Solutions Invoicing - these costs are not recorded individually in ACT Government budget papers, but are recorded on departmental accounting system.

- (6) The Prison Project Office operated on an average of seven FTE staff during the construction period for various periods of time until March 2009. This number started winding down in the 2008/2009 financial year. You should note that the Prison Project Office is headed by the Deputy Executive Director who took the role of Director of the Prison Project during this time as an additional part of his duties.
- (7) Procurement Solutions falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Chief Minister.
- (8) No.
- (9) No staff have been recruited who have not done the work they were recruited to do because of the delays at the AMC.

- (10) In December 2008, a second appropriation figure of \$2.174m was provided to offset the anticipated additional cost of housing ACT prisoners in NSW due to delays in the final commissioning of the prison. The 2nd appropriation amount included estimated offsets from the late operation of the AMC including prisoner food and vocational education and training. Repatriation of prisoners from NSW started in March and was not complete till May 2009. In effect the final cost of housing prisoners in NSW depended upon the last prisoner completing a rehabilitation program in a NSW prison.
- (11) Total costs to end April 2009 were \$295,575.00. While a cost centre was created specifically to record the Quamby site employee and non-employee costs, such costs would not be expected to be recorded individually in the ACT Government budget papers.
- (12) Insurance and AMC Capital Costs are incorporated in Procurement Solutions invoicing - these costs are not recorded individually in ACT Government budget papers, but are recorded on departmental accounting system.
- (13) The total amount was \$114,756,421.83. The projected contract value as varied to date is \$116,582,177.00 but this figure is subject to ongoing discussions regarding outstanding variations.
- (14) The negotiations regarding agreed extensions of time are currently before expert arbitration for determination consistent with the requirements of the contract.
- (15) Refer to Q14 above.

*AMC - throughcare and aftercare services*

Amanda Bresnan MLA: To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to: the provision of throughcare and aftercare services by the community sector to the AMC population and their families

1. Which community organisations are receiving funding in 2009-10 for providing throughcare and aftercare services to the AMC population and their families? How much are each of these organisations to receive and for what services?
2. What are the ACT Government's future plans to work with the community sector in organising for the sector to provide throughcare and aftercare services to the AMC population and their families? And what are the applicable timeframes?

MR HARGREAVES – the answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) The only community organisation funded for 2009-10 is Prisoners' Aid. Prisoners' Aid provides advice, support, counselling and referral to prisoners, their families and other service providers. Financial assistance to Prisoners' Aid is \$0.020m per annum, in the form of an annual grant.

\$700,000 has been allocated in the 2009-10 Budget for the provision of a Managed Accommodation Program. This money will be transferred to ACT Housing to allow them to augment an existing and efficient program run by the Canberra Men's Centre.

- (2) The Government acknowledges the interest, skills and capacity of the diverse group of agencies, organisations and volunteers who have worked with offenders and their families in the ACT for a number of years.

The community sector has been involved extensively with the planning, construction and now operation of the AMC. The Community Reference Group was briefed regularly during the design and construction phase in relation to operation and facilities. As commissioning grew closer, a number of forums were held to focus on Throughcare; the most recent on 14 May 2009, where discussion about Aftercare was included.

The adoption of a Throughcare approach to managing offenders includes an important coordination and liaison function with these community groups. Many agencies, societies, organisations and individuals will benefit from regular opportunities to meet as a group. Apart from the obvious benefits of networking, there will be an agenda that includes individual presentations from within the Throughcare community (those involved agencies and organisations). These meetings will be organised by ACT Corrective Services every six to eight weeks. ACT Corrective Services is planning the first of these meetings for late June.

Aftercare involves transition from oversight by ACT Corrective Services to continued engagement with a client post mandatory supervision by ACTCS. One of the outcomes of the 14 May 2009 forum was to consider a Governance structure to enhance the transition from Throughcare to Aftercare. This is being progressed but no final decisions have been made.

*MOU with Mental Health ACT*

Amanda Bresnan MLA: To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to: the MOU with Mental Health ACT

1. What is the timeframe for the development of the Corrections ACT MOU with Mental Health ACT?
2. What are the key areas that the MOU will deal with?
3. Does the MOU seek to provide Corrections officers with greater knowledge and awareness of mental health matters generally, and if so, how will it attempt to do this?  
(for example, is there an intention to provide greater mental health training to Corrections officers?)

*Sustainability*

Caroline Le Couteur: To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to: sustainability reporting

1. How much energy is it estimated your Agency used for office functions in 2008-09 per FTE and /or per square metre of office space?
2. How does this compare with the Commonwealth benchmark/target of 7,500 megajoules /person / per year?
3. How will you contribute to meeting the Government's target of zero net emissions? What steps do you have in place to reduce Agency energy use?
4. How much is your Agency spending on energy efficiency measures?
5. Is your Agency eligible for the ACT Government energy efficiency loan fund?
  - a. If not, why not?
  - b. If yes, have you applied, or will you?
6. How much waste is it estimated your agency generated per FTE in 2008-09?
7. What systems do you have in place for recycling of waste?
8. How much water is it estimated that your Agency used in 2008-09? How much water will you use in 2009-10?
9. Do you use any benchmarks to assess your environment performance? If yes, please detail.
10. What financial savings have you made to date from improvements in your environmental resource efficiency?
11. Do you have a target for future reductions – across energy, water, waste?
12. Does your agency have a Sustainability Action Plan or a Resource Management Plan?
13. What other initiatives / measures are you undertaking to become carbon neutral as required under Action 2 of Weathering the Change?
14. Can you please provide all these answers in terms of office use and other, recognising that some Agencies have specific service delivery needs that are not comparable to other Agencies – ie schools, hospitals, public facilities

MR HARGREAVES – the answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

- (1) ACT Corrective Services use approximately 170,000 kWh of energy (electricity) per annum for departmental office functions at Eclipse House, Basement to Level 2.. This is equivalent to 665 MJ per FTE per annum. This figure does not include remand facilities. Also note that the Alexander Maconochie Centre has only recently begun operations and as such no current data is available.
- (2) Compared to the Commonwealth benchmark/target of 7,500 MJ per FTE per year, the ACT Corrective Services has a figure of 665 MJ, as explained in the answer to the previous question. Please note that the air conditioning for Eclipse House is gas fired and not included in this figure. The costs for gas is not specifically billed to ACTCS but is part of the rent for the building.
- (3) The ACT Climate Change Strategy – Action Plan 2007-2011 makes it clear in Action 2 to pursue carbon neutrality in Government buildings. ACT Corrective Services is currently developing relevant energy reduction strategies in line with the ACT Climate Change Strategy, including discussions with the Department of the Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water (DECCEW). However two main, recent initiatives in energy reduction and improved sustainable operations are the recent refurbishment of Eclipse House where the agency’s office functions are located, and the building of the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC).

The Eclipse House refurbishment included features such as double flush toilets, efficient taps and automatic lights. The AMC was created with sustainable design principles that reflect the ACT Government’s commitment to sustainable design and responsible management of key resources. As part of the design process a modified form of the Green Star rating tool was used to manage energy and water use, construction processes, emissions from the site, internal environmental quality, material selection, the sites ecological integrity and the provision of public transport. A 4.0 star modified Green Star rating was achieved for the site through the implementation of these ecologically sustainable development features. Additionally an Environmental Management System was developed in partnership with the Australian National University Environment and Sustainability Resource Centre that has been implemented to maintain a positive environmental performance at the AMC.

- (4) ACT Corrective Services is spending appropriate internal resources in relation to ecologically sustainable development and reporting. In relation to the AMC, the total cost of the water and power saving features was approximately \$2.875M. It is estimated that these costs will be recouped through a reduction in energy and water needs after approximately 13.5 years.
- (5) Yes, Corrective Services is eligible to apply for the Energy Efficiency Fund (EEF) through Action 3 of the ACT Climate Change Strategy: Weathering the Change. Corrective Services has not yet applied for this fund, but will be working with DECCEW to explore opportunities to invest in energy efficiency initiatives through the EEF.
- (6) The estimated waste the ACT Corrective Services used in 2008-09 is 1.56 cubic metres per FTE. This is estimated with the calculation that each waste bin is equivalent to 0.3 cubic metres and that each bin is full.
- (7) The systems ACT Corrective Services has in place for recycling of waste are the use of ‘green bins’ to recycle paper and cardboard, and ‘blue bins’, which are used to shred and recycle secure documents. However to improve recycling systems, ACT Corrective Services

are looking at entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with DECCEW to increase waste recycling by joining the OfficeSmart Program, which will provide:

- A waste assessment;
  - Guidance on the development of an effective waste management system;
  - Ongoing assistance with program implementation; and
  - A Best Practice Office Waste Guide.
- (8) The estimated water used by the ACT Corrective Services in 2008-09 is approximately 20,000 kL, and includes remand facilities but not the Alexander Maconochie Centre.
- (9) ACTCS do not currently use benchmarks to assess environmental performance. However this is being progressed with DECCEW in relation to the ACT Climate Change Strategy Action Plan, Action 2. In the construction of the AMC, benchmarks were used in the design process against comparable facilities to estimate the likelihood of energy and water reductions. The benchmarking highlighted that 30% reductions in electricity and 40% reduction in mains water consumption could be achieved.
- (10) ACT Corrective Services has not yet calculated the financial savings from the improvements in the environmental resource efficiency, however as seen in the answer to question 9, benchmarking used in the design process of the AMC has clearly led to financial savings. In addition, as mentioned in Question 4 it is estimated that the cost of water and power saving features at the AMC will be recouped after approximately 13.5 years.
- (11) Data is captured for inclusion in the annual reporting process every year to develop future energy, water and waste reduction strategies.
- (12) ACT Corrective Services does not have a Sustainability Action Plan or a Resources Management Plan, however the AMC does have an Environmental Management System as highlighted above. A Sustainability Action Plan or Resources Management Plan for the Agency will be progressed with DECCEW in line with the ACT Climate Change Strategy Action Plan.
- (13) The previous answers highlight the actions of ACT Corrective Services to become carbon neutral as required by Action 2 of the 'Weathering the Change' ACT Climate Change Strategy.
- (14) The main service delivery feature of ACT Corrective Services is the AMC and as explained earlier, it utilises sustainable design principles and environmental management systems implemented in the construction and operation of the centre to ensure its environmental sustainability in the future.

*Former remand sites*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to: Former remand sites

What process will be undertaken to determine the future of former remand sites?

MR HARGEAVES : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Belconnen Remand Centre (BRC) and the Symonston Temporary Remand Centre (STRC) have been closed and are in the process of being de-commissioned. The Periodic Detention Centre (PDC) in Symonston will continue to operate and will be extended to include the facilities formerly utilised by the STRC. The BRC has been revoked and is currently being decommissioned as a correctional facility. The property will then be handed to the ACT Government Property Group. Quamby has been revoked as a correctional facility and has been returned to the Office of Children, Youth and Family Support in the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services for the purpose of decommissioning the facility.

*AMC - Cost of delays*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to: cost of delays in the Alexander Maconochie Centre project

Notwithstanding any action to seek liquidated damages from Bovis Lend Lease, what has been the total cost to the ACT Government of delays experienced in the completion of the AMC project?

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

As previously advised at the Inquiry, costs associated with the delay in completion of the AMC are estimated at \$3.383m, which comprises of an estimated cost associated with ACT prisoner accommodation in NSW facilities until the end of May 2009, taking into account expected offsets associated with the AMC not being occupied sooner. This figure also includes estimated costs of reopening Quamby, insurance and extension of fees to project management and design consultants.

Until final invoices are provided by NSW and issues associated with finalising the prison project are resolved, this figure could change.

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*AMC - Provision of bleach*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to: Provision of bleach at the AMC

Is bleach being provided to detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre and for what purpose.

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

No.

*Human Rights Commissioner's recommendations*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to: Implementation of the Human Rights Commissioner's recommendations

Have all the applicable recommendations set out by the Human Rights Commissioner in the *Audit on the operation of ACT Correctional Facilities* been implemented in the AMC? If not all, which ones have not been and why?

MR HARGREAVES: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Of all the recommendations either agreed, agreed in part and agreed in principle, the following have not been implemented:

**Recommendation 2.2.2 (Alternatively, detainees should be subject to electronic scanning (with consent) using the SOTER RS X-Ray Body Scanner, or, consistently with, and in the lead-up to entry into force of the *Corrections Management Act 2007*, pat-down searches should be conducted in order to satisfy the reasonable suspicion threshold) –** ACTCS is still awaiting approval from the ACT Radiation Council for the use of the SOTER X-Ray machine.

**Recommendation 5.1.6 (More digital footage should be stored, and for longer, in order to aid investigation and to protect officers from unfounded allegations) -** Digital storage services are currently provided for under the AMC contract but will be further reviewed after 12 months operation.

*Expenditure*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to : Expenditure in the Department of Corrections

1. For the financial year to date, detail the expenditure in the Department of Corrections on reports commissioned by
  1. The Minister for Corrections
  2. The Department of Corrections that have been outsourced or contracted out?
2. What was the purpose of the reports in (1)?
3. Who or what organisations prepared the reports in (1)?
4. What was the cost of the reports in (1)?
5. Have the reports in (1) been tabled or presented to the Assembly?
6. What has been the outcome of the reports in (1)?

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The Department of Justice and Community Safety has spent:
  - (a) Nil.
  - (b) a total of \$16,500 on commissioning one report via ACT Corrective Services.
2. ACT Corrective Services is currently awaiting approval from the ACT Radiation Council (ACTRC) for the use of a SOTER X-Ray Body Scanner (SOTER).

As part of the approval process, ACTRC has requested an independent assessment of the ethical issues associated with the use of the SOTER given that this is the first time the SOTER will be used in a custodial setting.

3. Professor Seumas Miller Professor of Philosophy, Charles Sturt University and the Australian National University (Joint Position).  
Director (ANU Division) Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics (an Australian Research Council Special Research Centre).

Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Ethics and Technology, Delft Technical University.

4. \$16,500
5. The report has not been completed.
6. See (5).

*Litigation costs*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to : Litigation Costs for the Department of Corrections;

1. For the financial year to date, detail the expenditure in the Department of Corrections on litigation costs that were incurred by;
  - a. The Minister for Corrections
  - b. The Department of Corrections that have been outsourced or contracted out?
2. Have any reports on these costs been tabled or presented to the Assembly?
3. If so, what has been the outcome of those reports?

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. Nil.
2. N/A
3. N/A

*Compensation payments*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections;

In relation to : Compensation payments for the Department of Corrections:

1. For the financial year to date, how much was paid in compensation and what did these payments relate to, for:
  - a. The Minister for Corrections
  - b. The Department of Corrections
2. How much was paid in compensation payments resulting from legal claims against the Department of Corrections?

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The Department of Justice and Community Safety has paid \$15,000 in compensation for the financial year to date and will pay a further \$14,000 for other party legal costs in relation to the same matter.

The matter was in relation to a prisoner who claimed that he sustained injury when he slipped on a wet floor and fell at the Belconnen Remand Centre on 12 April 2000.

*Legal payments*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections;

In relation to : Legal Expenses

1. For the financial year to date, detail the expenditure in the Department of Corrections on legal expenses by
  3. The Minister for Corrections
  4. The Department of Corrections that have been outsourced or contracted out?
2. What has been the expenditure under the standard classification of legal expenses in the financial year to date for this activity?
3. How much has been allocated in the next financial year for this activity?

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. Nil.
2. N/A
3. Nil.

*Agency revenue*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to : Agency revenue

1. Explain the difference in estimates of agency revenue between the period ending June 30 2008 and the financial year to date?
2. What are the reasons for the difference?

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:--

1. & 2. The difference and reasons for the difference in total revenue for the Corrective Services Output Class between the 2007-08 Audited Outcome and 2008-09 Estimated Outcome are as follows:

<b>Output Class 2 - Corrective Services</b>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	
	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>2007-08 Audited Outcome</b>	34,043
<b>2008-09 Estimated Outcome</b>	40,806
<b>Variance is due to:</b>	
2008-09 Initiatives	7,334
AMC Transitional expenses (2008-09 2nd Appropriation)	2,174
AMC Project Team (2007-08 2nd Appropriation)	370
Indexation and other net adjustments	215
<b>offset by:</b>	
cessation of AMC setup costs funding in 2007-08	-2,930
Rollover - Managed Accommodation Program	-400

*Consulting services*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections;

In relation to : Consulting Services

1. For the financial year to date, detail the expenditure in the Department of Corrections on consulting services by
  - a. The Minister for Corrections
  - b. The Department of Corrections that have been outsourced or contracted out?
2. How much was spent on consulting services in the financial year to date?
3. Detail the individual contracts i.e who they were awarded to, at what cost, for what reason, and how they were awarded (i.e by tender, with certificate of exemption etc)?
4. How much is estimated to be spent on consulting services in the financial year to date?

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

- 1
  - (a) Nil
  - (b) \$1,041,272
2. The Department of Justice and Community Safety has spent a total of \$1,041,272 on consulting services that have been outsourced or contracted out for ACT Corrective Services.

3. Details of the contracts:

<b>WHO WAS AWARDED THE CONTRACT</b>	<b>COST (YTD) OF THE CONTRACT</b>	<b>REASON FOR THE CONTRACT</b>	<b>HOW WAS THE CONTRACT AWARDED</b>
CTG Security Matrix	\$16,219	Security consultant for the Alexander Maconochie Centre	In accordance with the <i>Financial Management Act 1996</i> and the <i>Government Procurement Act 2001</i> .
Total Decision Support	\$9,000	Consultancy to develop and build an output costing model for ACT Corrective Services	In accordance with the <i>Financial Management Act 1996</i> and the <i>Government Procurement Act 2001</i> .
Davis Langdon	\$9,302	Quality Management System Recertification Assessment	In accordance with the <i>Financial Management Act 1996</i> and the <i>Government Procurement Act 2001</i> .
Dysaran Consulting	\$360	Counselling of Custodial Officer	In accordance with the <i>Financial Management Act 1996</i> and the <i>Government Procurement Act 2001</i> .
CSMR	\$441,198	Design Consultant for the Alexander Maconochie Centre	In accordance with the <i>Financial Management Act 1996</i> and the <i>Government Procurement Act 2001</i> .
SKM	\$565,193	Program Manager Consultant for the Alexander Maconochie Centre	In accordance with the <i>Financial Management Act 1996</i> and the <i>Government Procurement Act 2001</i> .
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,041,272</b>		

4. \$1,041,272

*Promotional activities*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to : Promotional activities

1. In reference to promotional activities of the Department of Corrections:
  - a. What promotional activities, publications, advertising in any media have been undertaken by Corrections, the Minister's office, or any other office or agency on behalf of Corrections or the Minister's office in the financial year to date?
  - b. What was the total amount spent on such activities and was it costed to Corrections, the Minister's office or another Minister's office or another department?
  - c. Detail the promotional activities, publications and advertising undertaken by Corrections, the Minister's office or those undertaken by the Minister's office or another department on behalf of the Minister or Corrections?
  - d. What were the promotional activities, publications and advertising meant to achieve, did they achieve their purpose and how was that measured?
  - e. How much has been allocated both within the Minister's office and Corrections for those activities in the financial year to date?

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. (a)

**Promotional Activities Undertaken by ACT Corrective Services on behalf of the Department of Justice and Community Safety.**

The following groups have had site tours of the AMC in the financial year to date:

- Law Society
- ACT Health
- Deputy and Assistant Commissioners of Solomon Islands
- Australian Federal Police
- "City News"
- New South Wales Corrective Services
- The Canberra Times
- National Library
- Aboriginal Justice Centre
- Queanbeyan Police
- Mental Health ACT
- Northern Territory Corrective Services
- ACT Fire Brigade
- Military Attaché Embassy of Chile staff
- Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- Legal Aid solicitors
- Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department
- Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission
- New South Wales South Coast Project
- Queensland Project Services
- Australian Institute of Criminology
- Western Australia Corrective Services
- Joint Standing Committee on Migration
- National Justice CEOs

The Alexander Maconochie Centre opening was held on 11 September 2008.

The Belconnen Remand Centre Open Day was held on 9 May 2009.

- (b) The total amount spent on such activities by Corrective Services was \$18,153.
- (c) See (a)

(d) See table below:

<b>Promotional Activity</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Did the promotional activity achieve its purpose?</b>	<b>How was this measured?</b>
Site tours	To raise awareness of the Alexander Maconochie Centre and the facilities available within the prison.	Yes	Verbal feedback from the personnel that undertook the tours to ACTCS staff.
Alexander Maconochie Centre opening	To officially open the prison and highlight to the ACT community the many benefits that the Alexander Maconochie Centre would bring to the incarceration and rehabilitation of prisoners and through them, the ACT community more generally.	Yes	Significant media coverage including coverage of the Chief Minister and Attorney General's speeches, which highlighted such issues as the Human Rights compliant nature of the prison and the many rehabilitation programs available at the Alexander Maconochie Centre.
Belconnen Remand Centre open day	To raise public awareness about the conditions that existed at the Belconnen Remand Centre and provide information about the Alexander Maconochie in comparison to the Belconnen Remand Centre.	Yes	1) The level of interest in the Belconnen Remand Centre and Alexander Maconochie Centre displays. 2) Verbal feedback from the personnel that attended the open day to ACTCS staff.

(e) \$18,153 (ACT Corrective Services)

*Advertising*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to : Advertising

1. Detail how much has been spent in the financial year to date on advertising, promotion, the dissemination of policy information or other information which included the Minister's photograph and/ a message from the Minister.

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. Nil.

*Media*

1. For the financial year to date, detail the expenditure in the Department of Corrections on media by:
  - a. The Minister for Corrections
  - b. The Department of Corrections that have been outsourced or contracted out?
  
2. Please provide an individual breakdown for print media, television, radio and other media such as brochures including direct mail by:
  - a. the Minister's Office;
  - b. The Department of Corrections;
  - c. another department or Minister's office on behalf of the Minister for Corrections
  
3. Did the Minister or the Minister's office approve the publication in each case?
  
4. How much has been allocated for these activities in the financial year to date by
  - a. The Minister's office
  - b. The Department of Corrections

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:-

Nil.

*Maintenance*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to : Maintenance of the Minister's Office

1. What was the cost of maintaining your ministerial offices in the financial year to date? What is the forecast for the financial year ending 30 June 2010?

Mr Hargreaves : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The cost for the period 01 July to 26 May 2009 is \$9,037. This figure does not include general costs such as heating and lighting.

*Interstate and overseas travel*

1. List the interstate trips taken by you as Minister for Corrections in the financial year to date, including but not limited to
  - a. Detail the purpose of each interstate trip taken by you as Minister for Corrections.
  - b. Detail the duration of each trip taking by you as Minister for Corrections.
  - c. Detail the costs you incurred in each interstate trip.
  - d. Detail outcomes achieved from each interstate trip.
2. List all Ministerial staff who accompanied you on all interstate trips taken by you in the financial year to date.
3. Detail the costs incurred by the Ministerial staff on each interstate trip in the financial year to date/
4. List all Department staff who accompanied you on all interstate trips taken by you in the financial year to date.
  - a. Detail the costs incurred by Department staff accompanying you on each interstate trip.
5. List any non-Governmental citizens who accompanied you on any interstate trips who Government paid partial or full travel and accommodation costs for.
6. List the overseas trips taken by you as Minister for Corrections in the financial year to date, including but not limited to
  - a. Detail the purpose of each overseas trip taken by you as Minister for Corrections.
  - b. Detail the duration of each trip taking by you as Minister for Corrections.
  - c. Detail the costs you incurred in each overseas trip.
  - d. Detail outcomes achieved from each overseas trip.
7. List all Ministerial staff who accompanied you on all overseas trips taken by you as Speaker in the financial year to date.
8. Detail the costs incurred by the Ministerial staff on each overseas trip in the financial year to date.
9. List all Departmental staff who accompanied you on all your overseas trips taken by you as Speaker in the financial year to date.
10. List an non-Government citizens who accompanied you on any overseas trips who Government paid partial or full travel and accommodation costs for.
11. Detail any overseas trips undertaken by any of your Ministerial staff that you were not present on where that staff member was travelling on your behalf.
  - (a) Detail the purpose of such trips and costs incurred by the Ministerial staff on any such trips.
  - (b) Detail the duration of each such trip.

*Hospitality*

Zed Seseja : To ask the Minister for Corrections;

In relation to : Hospitality

1. How much did you spend on official Hospitality outside of the ACT Legislative Assembly during the financial year to date?
2. How many taxpayer funded functions did you host in the ACT Legislative Assembly during the financial year to date?
3. List the ACT Legislative Assembly functions you hosted and how much each function cost?

Mr Hargreaves : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The below answers include costs relating to all Minister Hargreaves' portfolios.

1. Nil.
2. One.
3. \$995.79.

*Budget improvement target*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to : Budget Improvement Target

1. What was the Budget improvement target for the department in the financial year to date?  
(a) has it been achieved and how?
2. What is the target for the financial year ending 30 June 2010?  
(a) how do you intend to achieve it?

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:-

1. No specific budget improvement targets were included the 2008-09 Budget for Corrective Services.
2. No specific budget improvement targets have been included in the 2009-10 Budget for Corrective Services.

*Territory taxes and fees*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to : Territory taxes and fees

1. Detail how much the department estimates it pay in territory taxes and fees in the financial year to date and how much will be paid in the financial year ending 30 June 2010?

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:-

3. Expenditure by the Department of Justice and Community Safety for ACT Corrective Services in this area is mainly on vehicle registration costs as part of the current leasing arrangements through Rhodium Asset Solutions. Rhodium advises that Registration and Third Party Renewals costs for ACT Corrective Services related vehicles for the 2008-09 financial year to date has been approximately \$17,850 (GST inclusive). The figure for the 2009-10 financial year is likely to be similar.

*Public focus groups*

Zed Seselja : To ask the Minister for Corrections;

In relation to : Public Focus Groups

1. How many public focus groups were conducted through the area of the Department of Corrections in the financial year to date?
2. When were they held and what was the nature of each focus group?
3. If focus group participants were paid to attend the focus group, how much were they paid?
4. Where can members get the details and findings of these publicly funded focus groups?

MR HARGREAVES : The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:-

1. Nil
- 2, 3, 4. N/A

**Mr Hanson:** To ask the Minister for Corrections, on Wednesday 20 May 2009

In relation to: Alexander Maconochie Centre

(1) Please provide an explanation of the difference in the two figures mentioned in the hearing in relation to how much the AMC's delayed opening has cost. At the Estimates hearing the Minister for Corrections mentioned a figure of \$2.174m, but during the AMC inquiry hearing in February the Minister had used the figure \$3.383m.

**Mr Hargreaves:** The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:—

(1) The figure of \$3.383m I provided at the AMC inquiry hearing on Friday 27 February 2009 included costs associated with ACT prisoner accommodation in NSW facilities until the end of May 2009 and for other costs covering items such as the reopening of Quamby, storage insurance, project management and design consultants.

The \$2.174m refers specifically to the second appropriation relating to the budget for 2008-09 payments to NSW.

*QTON – Prisoners Aid*

MS BRESNAN: To ask the Minister for Corrections, on Wednesday 20 May 2009

In relation to: Prisoners Aid

(1) What kind of financial assistance is offered to Prisoners' Aid?

MR HARGREAVES: The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:–

(1) Financial assistance to Prisoners' Aid is \$0.020m per annum, in the form of an annual grant.

QTON – AMC

MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Corrections, on Wednesday 20 May 2009

In relation to: Alexander Maconochie Centre, ACT Corrective Services Budget and interstate prisoners.

- (1) What was the budget breakdown of all aspects of ACT Corrective Services for both 08/09 and 09/10, and what is the breakdown of current total staffing?
- (2) How much of the \$2.174m contingency for prisoners staying in NSW for longer than expected has been spent?
- (3) How many prisoners will be left to come to the AMC from NSW on 16 June?
- (4) What was the original value of the AMC gym?
- (5) Can you provide the committee with a list of what is considered contraband at the AMC?

MR HARGREAVES: The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:–

(1) Below is the breakdown of the ACT Corrective Services Budget for 2008-09:

\$0.170m	Belconnen & Symonston Remand Centres (decommissioning only)
\$23.654m	Alexander Maconochie Centre
\$1.341m	Court Transport Unit
\$0.618m	Periodic Detention Centre
\$3.126m	Probation and Parole Unit
\$0.329m	Reparations Unit
\$1.056m	Offender Intervention Programs
\$2.394m	Crime Prevention Initiatives
\$0.734m	Sentence Administration Section
\$4.762m	Business, Policy & Co-ordination*
\$1.283m	Prisoners in NSW (excludes \$2.174m 2 <sup>nd</sup> appropriation)
\$0.370m	ACT Prison Project
<u>\$3.882m</u>	JACS Departmental Overheads
\$43.719m	Total (excludes \$2.174m 2 <sup>nd</sup> appropriation)

\*BP&C includes centralised ACTCS costs such as (non-AMC related, compensation premium, accommodation, training etc.)

The 2009-10 ACTCS budget breakdown has not yet been finalised.

The breakdown of staffing numbers is indicated below for 2008-09:

FTE:

- 0.0: Belconnen & Symonston Remand Centres (refer AMC)
- 177.0: Alexander Maconochie Centre
- 18.0: Court Transport Unit
- 7.0: Periodic Detention Centre
- 33.0: Probation and Parole Unit
- 5.0: Reparations Unit
- 10.0: Offender Intervention Programs

16.0: Crime Prevention Initiatives  
10.0: Sentence Administration Section  
21.0: Business, Policy & Co-ordination\*  
1.0: ACT Prison Project  
298.0: Total

(2) All of \$2.174m contingency for prisoners in NSW has been spent. The total accrued costs from July 2008 to end April 2009 is \$4.385m and it is estimated that total costs will be in the order of \$4.6m. The original budget allocation of \$1.283m increased to \$3.457m with the inclusion of this 2<sup>nd</sup> appropriation contingency figure. It is estimated that AMC operational savings resultant from the delay in operations should cover most or all of the subsequent shortfall in funding.

(3) All ACT prisoners currently accommodated in NSW are expected to have been returned to the ACT by 16 June 2009.

(4) The Community or Sports Hall and Gymnasium produced savings of \$1,346,000 when it was removed from the AMC project in 2006. This figure does not include funding for equipment.

(5) Specific items may be prohibited if there are reasonable grounds for believing they are illegal, offensive, or prejudicial to the health of any person or to the security or good order of the AMC.

#### **For Prisoners:**

The following items may not be in possession of a prisoner at the AMC:

- mobile phones and accessories, including but not limited to SIM cards, batteries, chargers and earpieces;
- laptop computers;
- USB/ Flash drives;
- portable TV/ DVD players;
- intoxicating liquor (commercial or homemade);
- drugs and other illegal substances;
- implements used for administering drugs and illegal substances – including but not limited to hypodermic equipment, cones, bongs, etc;
- prescription drugs other than those authorised by medical staff;
- any implement designed as or able to be used as a weapon or to assist in aiding an escape;
- scissors, firearms, ammunition, knives, any cutting blade, and replicas of the aforementioned;
- tattoo guns (commercial or homemade);
- property belonging to another person;
- cigarette lighters;
- aerosol spray canisters;
- non-commercial compact discs (CDs) or digital versatile disks (DVDs) other than those authorised;
- recording devices of any format (including MP3 Players);
- currency;
- cooking equipment;
- explosives or explosive devices (commercial or homemade);
- paint – other than when approved for hobbies or industries;
- oil – other than when approved for industries;
- acid;
- glue – other than when approved for hobbies or industries;
- herbicide/fungicide/insecticide – other than when approved for industries;
- keys (commercial manufacture or homemade), except cell/room privacy key;

- vegemite;
- tools and cutting implements of any kind;
- offensive material; and
- any other item deemed inappropriate by the Superintendent.

**For Visitors:**

Visitors may not be in possession of the following things at any time while on correctional centre grounds (including the car park):

- intoxicating liquor (commercial or homemade);
- drugs and other illegal substances;
- implements used for administering drugs and illegal substances – including but not limited to hypodermic equipment, cones, bongos, etc;
- any implement designed as or able to be used as a weapon or to assist in aiding an escape;
- scissors, firearms, tools, ammunition, knives, any cutting blade, and replicas of the aforementioned;
- tattoo guns (commercial or homemade);
- explosives or explosive devices (commercial or homemade); and
- any other item deemed inappropriate by the Superintendent.

**Visitors may not enter the AMC beyond the metal detector in possession of the following items:**

- mobile phones and accessories, including but not limited to SIM cards, batteries, chargers and earpieces;
- prescription drugs other than those authorised by a medical practitioner and used for emergency treatment of a medical condition (e.g. asthma inhalers, angina medication). Only an amount that may be reasonable given the length of the visit will be permitted;
- cigarette lighters, matches and cigarettes;
- aerosol spray canisters;
- non-commercial compact discs (CDs) or digital versatile disks (DVDs);
- recording devices of any format (including MP3 Players);
- currency;
- paint;
- oil;
- acid;
- glue;
- herbicide/fungicide/insecticide;
- keys;
- books / magazines;
- offensive material; and
- any other item deemed inappropriate by the Superintendent.

**For Corrections Officers and other AMC employees/contractors:**

Correctional Officers may not bring the following items past the entrance to the Gatehouse:

- mobile phones and accessories, including but not limited to SIM cards, batteries, chargers and earpieces;
- prescription drugs other than those authorised by a medical practitioner;
- intoxicating liquor (commercial or homemade);
- drugs and other illegal substances;
- implements used for administering drugs and illegal substances – including but not limited to hypodermic equipment, cones, bongos, etc;
- non-commercial compact discs (CDs) or digital versatile disks (DVDs);
- MP3 players;
- recording devices of any format;

- offensive material; and
- any other item deemed inappropriate by the Superintendent.

*QTON – AMC*

MR SESELJA: To ask the Minister for Corrections, on Wednesday 20 May 2009

In relation to: Alexander Maconochie Centre, ACT Corrective Services Budget

(1) What is the cost of operating the AMC?

(2) Why this year's budget is \$43,304,000 compared to the budget paper for last year when it was \$43,719,000?

(3) Who are the contractors involved with the RFID?

MR HARGREAVES: The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:–

(1) The AMC Operating Budget in 2008-09 is \$23.654m (inclusive of \$2.736m pro-rata nine months depreciation, but excluding Departmental overheads of \$1.889m).

(2) The reconciliation of the variance between 2008-09 and 2009-10 budgets are detailed in the table below:

	<b>Total Cost</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>2008-09 Budget</b>	43,719
<b>2009-10 Budget</b>	43,304
<b>Variance is due to:</b>	
cessation of one-off funding for:	
o 2008-09 AMC Transition Costs	-1,453
o AMC Project team	-370
o 2008-09 R&M pool funding	-60
offset by:	
o increased depreciation mainly due to full year impact of AMC and completion of other capital projects	818
o 2009-10 indexation and other net adjustments	376
o Full year net impact of April 09 wage increase	174
o Rollover from 2008-09 - Managed Accommodation Program	100

(3) ACT Corrective Services has contracted NEC Australia Pty Ltd for the provision of RFID at the AMC. NEC has subcontracted some of this project to other companies, such as TSI Prism as its supplier and John Goss Projects Pty Ltd.