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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Ms Yvette Berry MLA on 26 June 2014: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Detainee Rehabilitation
[Corrections# 1]

THE CHAIR: Ms Berry, a question.

MS BERRY: I have a question about the drug and alcohol rehabilitation services. What percentage of prisoners undertake drug and alcohol rehabilitation?

Ms Mitcherson: I would have to take the exact percentage on notice, and I guess it is complex as well. So when someone comes into custody the first part of any program might actually be a reduction program because they might need to be engaged with Health to have some withdrawal regime around their ...(indistinct)... [11.51.25] Depending on how long they are in custody, we would assess them and if AOD was a big issue we would look at whether they were remand or sentenced and what kind of—there is a tool to assess readiness that we are starting to work on in the next 12 months because people are ready to do different things at different stages. So you might start doing something that is mainly just really socio-educational around getting smart. So it is sort of issues around strategies to not offend.

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

There are a number of programs delivered by ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) in the AMC that support detainees with their rehabilitation efforts and provide them with the tools to support them to change their lives. These include alcohol and other drug (AOD) programs and a variety of counselling services.

The suitability of a detainee to participate in a program is determined on a case by case basis. Not all detainees are suitable to undertake programs, or made need a period of time in custody before they are suitable.

The following figures reflect the number of detainees who participated in ACTCS AOD programs for the 2012-13 financial year:

Date range	Admissions to the AMC	Number of detainees enrolled in AOD programs	Percentage of detainees undertaking AOD programs for this period
1 July 2012 - 30 June 2013	508	269	53%

Please note that some detainees that have been counted as undertaking AOD programs within this period may have been admitted to the AMC prior to 1 July 2012. It is also important to note that AOD programs are voluntary and are not court mandated.

ACT CS is not able to provide data in regard to the numbers of detainees who were considered suitable for AOD programs.

In addition to AOD programs delivered by ACTCS, there are a range of other organisations that also deliver AOD programs to detainees at the AMC, including:

- ACT Health;
- Karralika Programs Inc;
- Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous;
- Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation;
- Toora Women Inc;
- Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service;
- Directions ACT;
- Council for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (CADAS); and
- Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy (CAHMA).

ACTCS does not keep data from the other organisations that deliver programs at the AMC.

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By the Minister for Corrections, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA