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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

ELIZABETH KIKKERT: To ask the Minister for Corrections

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Hearing Date: Tuesday, 18 July 2023

In relation to: Transitional Release Centre

- (1) How many people have entered the Transitional Release Centre (TRC) since the Estimates hearings for 2022-2023?
 - (a) How many of those people successfully completed their time in the TRC and were released into the community?
 - (i) How many of those people on were sent back to the main part of the prison for breaching the rules of the TRC?
 - (b) How many of those people had paid employment outside of the prison during their time in the TRC?
 - (i) How many of those were full time positions?
 - (c) How many applications to enter the TRC were rejected?
 - (d) What was the smallest head sentence that a detainee had that was allowed into the TRC?
 - (e) What was the longest head sentence that a detainee had that was allowed in to the TRC?
- (2) How many people, broken down by men and women, enrolled in the Transitional Release Program (TRP) since the Estimates hearings for 2022-2023?
- (3) Are the policies and procedures relevant to the TRC again undergoing review since their last updates in February 2023?
 - (a) If so, which policies and procedures are being reviewed and can the Minister provide a description of what changes are being looked at?

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The Transitional Release Centre (TRC) accommodated 21 male detainees during the 2022-2023 financial year. Of the 21 detainees, seven were released to the community and four were returned to the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) due to various breaches of the *Transitional Release Policy 2023*.

Of the 21 detainees, nine were employed externally during their time at TRC. TRC detainees are employed on a casual basis as their attendance at their employment is reliant on their approved sponsors being available to supervise. However, they engage in full time work hours generally from 7am-3pm, 5 days a week.

During the 2022-2023 financial year, five TRC applications were declined.

The smallest head sentence that a detainee had that was allowed into the TRC was 12 months. This detainee entered TRC under the previous policy. The new policy requires detainees to have a head sentence of greater than 12 months. The longest head sentence a detainee had that was allowed into the TRC was 13 years, seven months and 29 days.

One female detainee participated in the Transitional Release Program (TRP) during the 2022-2023 financial years. The 21 male detainees housed in the TRC were part of the TRP.

The *Transitional Release Policy 2023* was notified in late February 2023, therefore there are no current reviews being undertaken with regard to this policy. The *Transitional Release Policy 2023* will be reviewed in line with the ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) policy review processes. However, minor updates to policies are occasionally required to ensure there is consistency between policy and practice.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA