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- Policing and ACT Policing
- Corrective Services
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- Consumer Affairs
- Human Rights
- Victims of Crime
- Access to justice and restorative practice
- Public Trustee and Guardian

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## About this inquiry

Clause 4 of the establishing resolution refers all calendar and financial year annual and financial reports for 2024-2025 to the relevant standing committee for inquiry and report by 12 May of the year after the presentation of the report to the Assembly pursuant to the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004*.

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# Acronyms & Abbreviations

Acronym or Abbreviation	Long form
ACAT	ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
AMC	Alexander Maconochie Centre
EPSDD	Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate
FLO	Family Liaison Officer
Jumbunna Review	Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research, <i>Independent Review into the Over-Representation of First Nations People in the ACT Criminal Justice System, Final Report</i>
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
QON	Question on notice
QTON	Question taken on notice

# Recommendations

## Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the ACT Government consider the workload of ACT Legal Aid with a view to providing additional and longer-term funding to improve access to justice for the most economically disadvantaged.

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## Recommendation 7

The Committee recommends that the ACT Government, in its review of the *Bail Act 1992*, consider the presumption against bail and the potential for incompatibility with human rights.

## Recommendation 8

The Committee recommends that the ACT Government:

- Improve and increase the offerings of vocational education and behavioural rehabilitation programs at the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
- Review barriers to detainees' attendance at such courses and programs; and
- Review the resourcing of educational and training programs at the Alexander Maconochie Centre, including staffing, infrastructure and equipment, with a view to increasing detainees' participation.



# 1. Introduction

## Presentation of 2024–25 annual and financial reports

- 1.1. All annual and financial reports for the territory were tabled on 21 October 2025. A collated list of most annual and financial reports is available [online](#).
- 1.2. During its inquiry the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs was required to examine all or part of the following annual and financial reports for 2024–25:
  - ACT Inspector of Custodial Services;
  - ACT Policing;
  - Director of Public Prosecutions;
  - ACT Human Rights Commission;
  - Justice and Community Safety Directorate;
  - Infrastructure Canberra (for Police, Fire and Emergency Services projects);
  - Official Visitor Scheme (Corrections);
  - Legal Aid Commission ACT;
  - Public Trustee and Guardian;
  - Sentence Administration Board (as part of the Justice and Community Safety Directorate report; and
  - ACT Government Solicitor (as part of the Justice and Community Safety Directorate report).

## Public Hearings

- 1.3. The Committee held public hearings between 10 and 21 November 2025. At the hearings the Committee heard from ACT Government Ministers, their respective accompanying officials, and statutory officers.
- 1.4. A correction to evidence was provided by Ms Leanne Close, Commissioner, ACT Corrective Services, after the hearings. This correction is available on the inquiry webpage.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.5. In this report, references to Committee Hansard are to proof transcripts of evidence. Page numbers may vary between proof and official transcripts.
- 1.6. Witnesses who appeared before the Committee are listed at **Appendix B**. Transcripts of the hearings are available on the Assembly website. Footage of the hearings is available via video on demand on the Assembly website.

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<sup>1</sup> [Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024–25 - ACT Legislative Assembly](#) (accessed 22 January 2026).

- 1.7. Committees began collecting information on the gender of witnesses in April 2023, in response to an audit by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. The aim is to determine whether committee inquiries are meeting the needs of, and allowing the participation of, a range of genders in the community. Participation is voluntary and there are no set responses. A table showing the distribution of witness gender is in **Appendix D**.

## Questions taken on notice at hearings and questions placed on notice

- 1.8. A total of 50 questions were lodged during the inquiry: 30 questions were taken on notice (QTONs) by Ministers and statutory office holders during the hearings and 20 questions on notice (QONs) were submitted by Committee members and visiting MLAs following the hearings.
- 1.9. A list of questions (by subject and recipient) is in **Appendix C**, and the answers to questions can be found on the inquiry webpage.

## 2. Legal Aid ACT

- 2.1. The Legal Aid Commission (ACT) is an independent statutory authority established by the *Legal Aid Act 1977* with the primary purpose of providing vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the ACT Community involved in proceedings in ACT courts and tribunals with access to justice through a through a range of legal aid services.<sup>2</sup>
- 2.2. The services provided by the Legal Aid Commission include:
- Information and referral services;
  - Legal advice and assistance;
  - Minor legal assistance;
  - Duty lawyer services;
  - Grants of legal assistance and representation in courts and tribunals;
  - Dispute resolution services;
  - Community Legal Education programs; and
  - Submissions on issues of law reform.<sup>3</sup>

### Matters considered

- 2.3. During Legal Aid ACT's appearance before the Committee on 10 November 2025 the following matters were considered:
- Increase in people being denied grants for legal assistance;
  - Impact of funding level on access to justice;
  - Means testing;
  - Service level as a percentage of population;
  - Tenancy issues;
  - Baseline funding review; and
  - Impact of Director of Public Prosecutions caseload on Legal Aid ACT.<sup>4</sup>

### Key Issues

#### Impact of funding on access to justice

- 2.4. In its Annual Report, Legal Aid ACT advised that 'insufficient, short-term funding' from the ACT Government and the Commonwealth Government was creating pressure which fundamentally limited access to justice in the ACT and made long term planning difficult.

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<sup>2</sup> Legal Aid ACT, *Annual Report 2024-25*, p 10.

<sup>3</sup> Legal Aid ACT, *Annual Report 2024-25*, p 11.

<sup>4</sup> *Proof Committee Hansard*, 10 November 2025, pp 1–9.

The Commission was only able to offer grants of legal assistance to ‘the most vulnerable’ clients passing a means test, which left many, including those living in poverty, unable to access legal assistance.<sup>5</sup>

- 2.5. The Chief Executive Officer of Legal Aid ACT told the Committee that the current level of funding allowed the Commission to assist people with income up to 120 percent of the poverty line, while it would aim to provide assistance up to 180 percent of that line:

We have discussed often the lowest two quintiles of economic disadvantage. It is meeting the people in that lowest two quintiles of economic disadvantage that you would aim for before you went further. It is called the missing middle, although it is the lower middle really. And if you are asking what we aspire to, that is what we would aspire to.<sup>6</sup>

- 2.6. Meanwhile, there was an ‘accelerating trend’ of the Commission having to refuse grants of assistance. More people were applying for grants, but while the Commission was making increasing numbers of grants, it was also having to turn increasing numbers of people away. The Commission advised that it was having to prioritise criminal matters and domestic and family violence. This led to areas such as civil law, employment and discrimination matters ‘not getting much preference’.<sup>7</sup>

- 2.7. The Commission told the Committee that when people were unable to access legal assistance, they would seek one-off assistance from duty lawyers, ‘find money somehow’ for a private lawyer, or appear in court without representation, ‘which is the most dysfunctional and concerning of all’. Litigants without representation also imposed a burden on the courts, as cases took more time.<sup>8</sup>

- 2.8. The Commission had put to the government that a baseline funding review was needed to address the provision of services to the community but at this stage ‘that is not happening’. Contributing factors leading to the funding shortfall included changes in sexual assault laws and population growth leading to increased demand.<sup>9</sup> It was put that the funding model should also account for changes that generated more flow-on work for Legal Aid such as the new sexual assault unit in the Australian Federal Police and increased sexual assault cases being run by the Director of Public Prosecutions.<sup>10</sup>

## Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the ACT Government consider the workload of ACT Legal Aid with a view to providing additional and longer-term funding to improve access to justice for the most economically disadvantaged.

<sup>5</sup> Legal Aid ACT, [Annual Report 2024-25](#), p 4.

<sup>6</sup> Dr John Boersig, Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid ACT, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 10 November 2025, p 4.

<sup>7</sup> Dr John Boersig, Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid ACT, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 10 November 2025, pp 1–2.

<sup>8</sup> Dr John Boersig, Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid ACT, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 10 November 2025, p 2.

<sup>9</sup> Dr John Boersig, Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid ACT, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 10 November 2025, p 7.

<sup>10</sup> Dr John Boersig, Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid ACT, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 10 November 2025, pp 8–9.

### 3. ACT Public Trustee and Guardian

- 3.1. The Public Trustee and Guardian is a statutory office holder established under the *Public Trustee and Guardian Act 1985*.
- 3.2. The Public Trustee and Guardian performs guardianship and financial management services when appointed by the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT), acts for clients as power of attorney, supports private managers appointed by ACAT and examines accounts, and provides estate planning services. As the statutory public trustee, the office delivers estate management services, investment services, and performs the role of Trustee for several entities.<sup>11</sup>

#### Matters considered

- 3.3. During the ACT Public Trustee and Guardian’s appearance before the Committee on 10 November 2025 the following matters were considered:
- Review of fees and charges;
  - Customer-centred approach;
  - Free will-drafting service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
  - Net cost of service;
  - Client satisfaction;
  - The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with a Disability; and
  - Access to public housing for people with disability.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Public Trustee and Guardian, [Annual Report 2024–25](#), p 10.

<sup>12</sup> *Proof Committee Hansard*, 10 November 2025, pp 10–16.

## 4. ACT Solicitor-General

4.1. The ACT Government Solicitor provides legal services for the Territory, its Ministers, agencies and statutory office holders. It is led by the Solicitor-General for the ACT, who is authorised to perform the functions of the Chief Solicitor. As well as delivering these legal services, the Solicitor-General acts as counsel for the Territory, the Crown in right of the Territory and any other Territory entity, and performs any other functions as directed by the Attorney-General.<sup>13</sup>

### Matters considered

- 4.2. During the Solicitor-General's appearance before the Committee on 11 November 2025 the following matters were considered:
- Transfer of responsibility for regulatory prosecutions from the Director of Public Prosecutions;
  - Increase in legal opinions provided to directorates, agencies and statutory officeholders;
  - The role of the Government Solicitor's Office in supporting Housing ACT in ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal matters relating to tenants;
  - Personal injury claims relating to damaged footpaths; and
  - Protection orders for ACT Public Service employees.<sup>14</sup>

### Key Issues

#### Workload of the Solicitor-General

- 4.3. The Solicitor-General told the Committee that, prior to his office assuming responsibility for regulatory prosecutions, there was an 'understanding' of the volume of work involved, which had turned out to be 'a significant underestimation'.<sup>15</sup>
- 4.4. In answer to a question taken on notice (QTON), the Solicitor-General advised that between 1 July 2025 and 13 November 2025, the ACT Government Solicitor had opened 279 regulatory prosecution files, of which 73 had been 'unexpectedly transferred' from the Director of Public Prosecutions in early July 2025.<sup>16</sup>
- 4.5. While funding had been provided in the budget for three lawyers and 1.5 administrative staff to work on regulatory prosecutions, it had become apparent that more resourcing would be required, and the Solicitor-General had already been moving additional resources to that practice area.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> ACT Government, *Justice and Community Safety Directorate Annual Report 2024–25*, pp 42–43.

<sup>14</sup> *Proof Committee Hansard*, 11 November 2025, pp 1–11.

<sup>15</sup> Mr Peter Garrisson AM SC, Solicitor-General, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 11 November 2025, pp 1–2.

<sup>16</sup> r Peter Garrisson AM SC, Solicitor-General, *Answer to QTON 2, Regulatory Prosecutions*, 17 November 2025, p 1.

<sup>17</sup> Mr Peter Garrisson AM SC, Solicitor-General, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 11 November 2025, p 2.

- 4.6. The Solicitor-General explained to the Committee that, while previously it had been the Director of Public Prosecutions who would decide whether a prosecution proceeded and whether it was resolved or discontinued, under current arrangements it was the client agency who made those decisions, with the Government Solicitor’s Office providing advice and representation.<sup>18</sup>
- 4.7. The office had also had to rework guidelines to make information accessible for staff and for client agencies, which had been ‘a very useful exercise’ in cooperation with the clients.<sup>19</sup>
- 4.8. In addition, there had been ‘a very significant increase’ in the office’s work across a range of areas in the past year, including in historic abuse claims and protection orders in relation to employment for public servants. While there had historically been a steady increase in the office’s workload, the Solicitor-General advised that the last year had been ‘far more significant’, and that he expected another significant increase in the coming year.<sup>20</sup>

## Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the ACT Government consider ways, including increased funding, to effectively manage the increased workload of the ACT Solicitor-General following the transfer of regulatory prosecutions from the Director of Public Prosecutions.

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<sup>18</sup> Mr Peter Garrisson AM SC, Solicitor-General, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 11 November 2025, p 3.

<sup>19</sup> Mr Peter Garrisson AM SC, Solicitor-General, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 11 November 2025, p 3.

<sup>20</sup> Mr Peter Garrisson AM SC, Solicitor-General, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 11 November 2025, pp 5–6.

## 5. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

- 5.1. The office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ACT) was established by the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1990* to institute, conduct and supervise prosecutions and related proceedings. It comprises the Director of Public Prosecutions, an independent statutory officer appointed by the ACT's Executive, and staff employed under the *Public Sector Management Act 1994* to assist the Director.<sup>21</sup>
- 5.2. The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has complete independence in relation to the operations of the office, subject to Government budgetary constraints. The office works closely with the courts, the legal profession, police and other investigators, the community sector, and other government agencies.<sup>22</sup>

### Matters considered

- 5.3. During the Director of Public Prosecutions' appearance before the Committee on 12 November 2025 the following matters were considered:
- Priorities and funding impact for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions;
  - The Nominal Informant scheme;
  - Processes for applying the public interest test;
  - Early plea identification;
  - Police misconduct; and
  - Resources for case conferencing.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> Director of Public Prosecutions, [Annual Report 2024–25](#), p 19.

<sup>22</sup> Director of Public Prosecutions, [Annual Report 2024–25](#), p 19.

<sup>23</sup> *Proof Committee Hansard*, 12 November 2025, pp 12–21.

## 6. Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services

- 6.1. The ACT Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services was established in 2017 to ‘oversee and critically examine the operations of the adult and youth correctional system with a preventative focus’.<sup>24</sup>
- 6.2. The office’s oversight responsibilities cover the following facilities:
- Alexander Maconochie Centre;
  - ACT Court Transport Unit, including court cells and transport units; and
  - Bimberi Youth Justice Centre.
- 6.3. The office’s remit also includes detained adults and young people who are in the custody of ACT Corrective Services or the Community Services Directorate in other places, such as receiving treatment in hospital.<sup>25</sup>

### Matters considered

- 6.4. During the Inspector of Custodial Services’ appearance before the Committee on 14 November 2025 the following matters were considered:
- Funding for the Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services and National Preventive Mechanism;
  - Establishment of a youth justice throughcare program;
  - Use of lockdowns at Bimberi Youth Justice Centre;
  - Government responses to Inspector’s reports;
  - Parliamentary privilege and admissibility in court;
  - Timing of recreational activities and family visits at Bimberi Youth Justice Centre;
  - Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder screening at Bimberi Youth Justice Centre and the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
  - A needle and syringe program for the Alexander Maconochie Centre; and
  - Management of health risks at the Alexander Maconochie Centre.<sup>26</sup>

### Key Issues

#### Funding for staffing

- 6.5. The Committee heard that the Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services had used initial funding for supplies and services to employ another staff member, meaning that it had 2.8

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<sup>24</sup> ACT Inspector of Correctional Services, [Annual Report 2024–25](#), p 6.

<sup>25</sup> ACT Inspector of Correctional Services, [Annual Report 2024–25](#), p 7.

<sup>26</sup> *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, pp 22–31.

full-time equivalent staff, and that there had been no funding to increase staff since the office was established.<sup>27</sup>

- 6.6. The Inspector told the Committee that her office had identified a need, and made a budget submission, for an expert identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person. Having such a staff member would not only help when conducting reviews, but would inform everything the office did:

Already when we do reviews we engage an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person because everything touches on the experiences of Aboriginal people and we need that expert advice. We need that lived experience to inform our reviews. So we currently do engage on a contract basis.<sup>28</sup>

- 6.7. The Inspector added that the need for an identified expert in the Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services had been identified in the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research's *Independent Review into the Over-Representation of First Nations People in the ACT Criminal Justice System, Final Report* (the Jumbunna Review).<sup>29</sup> Recommendation 10.3 of the Jumbunna Review was 'that the ACT Government make funding available for the appointment of an identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander position in the Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services.'<sup>30</sup>

### Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the ACT Government increase funding to the Inspector of Custodial Services to enable the employment of an identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff member.

## Lockdowns at Bimberi Youth Justice Centre

- 6.8. The Inspector expressed concern at the continuing use of extended lunch lock-ins at Bimberi Youth Justice Centre. While these lock-ins were due to staffing pressure, they had flow-on effects on detainees as afternoon appointments and activities were curtailed:

... when we were there in May, we saw that medical appointments scheduled for the afternoon had to be cancelled because of the extended lock-ins. So the flow-on effect is access to health. The flow-on effect is access to afternoon education sessions.<sup>31</sup>

- 6.9. Further, the Inspector noted that her office had consistently raised concerns that centre-wide lock-ins occurred whenever a 'code' was called. While some such lock-ins were for good reason, others were for apparently minor or localised matters:

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<sup>27</sup> Ms Rebecca Minty, Inspector of Custodial Services, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, pp 21–22.

<sup>28</sup> Ms Rebecca Minty, Inspector of Custodial Services, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, pp 22, 24.

<sup>29</sup> Ms Rebecca Minty, Inspector of Custodial Services, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, p 23.

<sup>30</sup> Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research, [Independent Review into the Over-Representation of First Nations People in the ACT Criminal Justice System, Final Report](#), July 2025, p 309.

<sup>31</sup> Ms Rebecca Minty, Inspector of Custodial Services, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, p 25.

... we heard an example last year about a rolled ankle in the health block and that caused a centre-wide lock-in.<sup>32</sup>

#### Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the ACT Government review the use of extended lock-ins at Bimberi Youth Justice Centre such as those leading to cancelled medical appointments and education sessions.

### Government responses

- 6.10. The Inspector noted that the Government Response to the *Healthy Centre Review of Bimberi Youth Justice Centre* was not published until nine months after the review. The National Preventive Mechanism, of which the Inspector is a part, had visited the youth justice centre eight months after the review, and saw that many of the issues raised in the review had not yet been addressed.<sup>33</sup>
- 6.11. While the Inspector considered that the ACT Government's response to the review was 'really positive', she considered nine months to be too long to respond to a review which was mandated to be carried out every three years:
- So the Assembly has given us this direction, through our legislation, that we do these comprehensive reviews every three years. To me, nine months is just too long. Many of them need timely responses. It needs to be prioritised.<sup>34</sup>
- 6.12. Legislated response times for ministerial responses to reports by other statutory officers include:
- a) Auditor-General's reports for the Legislative Assembly: four months;<sup>35</sup>
  - b) Integrity Commission reports with a finding of serious or systemic corrupt conduct in relation to an ACT public service entity: four months;<sup>36</sup>
  - c) Electoral Commission special reports: three months;<sup>37</sup> and
  - d) Ombudsman's reports to the Legislative Assembly: three months.<sup>38</sup>
- 6.13. The Committee notes that the ACT Government is required to respond to committee reports within four months of presentation (standing order 254B), and Ministers are required to respond to petitions within three months of presentation (standing order 100).

<sup>32</sup> Ms Rebecca Minty, Inspector of Custodial Services, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, p 25.

<sup>33</sup> Ms Rebecca Minty, Inspector of Custodial Services, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, p 26.

<sup>34</sup> Ms Rebecca Minty, Inspector of Custodial Services, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, p 26.

<sup>35</sup> *Auditor-General Act 1996*, s 21.

<sup>36</sup> *Integrity Commission Act 2018*, s 191.

<sup>37</sup> *Electoral Act 1992*, s 10A.

<sup>38</sup> *Ombudsman Act 1989*, s 21.

### Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the ACT Government introduce legislative changes to require government responses to Healthy Prison and Healthy Centre reports by the Inspector of Custodial Services to be provided within 4 months of presentation.

## Parliamentary privilege

- 6.14. The Inspector advised the Committee that a recent court ruling had determined that reports by the Inspector that were tabled in the Assembly were subject to parliamentary privilege, making them inadmissible as evidence in court matters. This was problematic because it meant that the coroner was unable to consider the Inspector's reports when reviewing deaths in custody.<sup>39</sup>
- 6.15. The Inspector had initiated a 'preliminary assessment' process for a death in custody, with the aim of identifying immediate issues to be addressed. This review was then provided to the coroner for consideration. The Inspector considered that legislative change was needed to support this approach:

I think there needs to be some legislative amendment because the process must be clearly set out in legislation. If we go down that path of these preliminary assessments then I think it needs to be reflected in legislation.<sup>40</sup>

### Recommendation 6

The Committee recommends that the ACT Government consider whether changes are required to implement a process that will enable the Inspector of Custodial Services to provide reports or preliminary assessments to the coroner without parliamentary privilege restrictions.

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<sup>39</sup> Ms Rebecca Minty, Inspector of Custodial Services, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, p 27.

<sup>40</sup> Ms Rebecca Minty, Inspector of Custodial Services, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, pp 27–28.

## 7. ACT Human Rights Commission

- 7.1. Established in 2006, the ACT Human Rights Commission is an independent agency consisting of four Commissioners whose functions include:
- promoting understanding of human rights and engagement with human rights issues in by the community in the ACT;
  - reviewing laws, including draft legislation, policies and procedures through legislative scrutiny and audit powers;
  - providing oversight of public authorities and access to remedies where rights are breached or at risk;
  - supporting courts and tribunals through strategic use of the Commission’s intervention power;
  - advocating for those in the ACT Community who are most at risk, or who have experienced violations of their rights or stands of service provision; and
  - providing safe, responsive, and accessible services for members of the ACT community to safely raise their concerns and use the services of the Commission.<sup>41</sup>
- 7.2. The Human Rights Commission is not subject to the direction of any other person or body and the President and other Commissioners must act independently in exercising their functions under the *Human Rights Commission Act 2005*. The Minister for Human Rights may in writing direct the Human Rights Commission to inquire and report to the Minister in relation to a matter that can be complained about under the Act.<sup>42</sup>

### Matters considered

- 7.3. During the Human Rights Commission’s appearance before the Committee on 14 November 2025 the following matters were considered:
- Impact of the *Human Rights (Housing) Amendment Act 2025*;
  - Housing complaints to the Commission;
  - Review of the *Bail Act 1992*;
  - Education offered at the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
  - Increase in victims’ rights concerns; and
  - Victims of crime financial assistance scheme.<sup>43</sup>

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<sup>41</sup> Human Rights Commission, [Annual Report 2024–25](#), pp 8, 10.

<sup>42</sup> Human Rights Commission, [Annual Report 2024–25](#), p 8.

<sup>43</sup> *Proof Committee Hansard*, 10 November 2025, pp 32–41.

## Key Issues

### Review of the *Bail Act 1992*

7.4. The Human Rights Commissioner told the Committee that the Commission had had a ‘long-standing declaration of incompatibility’ regarding the presumption against bail in the *Bail Act 1992* (the Act). The Commission had raised this issue in its submission to the review of the Act, but noted that bail presumptions were ‘not being looked at actively’ when that submission was made.<sup>44</sup>

7.5. The Committee heard that the Victims of Crime Commissioner had made a separate submission to the review, focusing on the need for data and transparency to inform an evidence-based approach to bail decisions:

... the need for evidence and the fact that bail decisions and how bail criteria are applied is not very transparent because they are quickly made decisions, they are not recorded, you track them through media more than anything else, and that there is a lack of data and therefore we do not have an evidence base on which really even to start the review. And that probably would be the starting point. The other part of that, in our submission, was the need for an evidence-based approach, particularly in family and domestic violence matters, so that the court does have in front of it appropriate evidence that goes to their ability to assess the risk.<sup>45</sup>

7.6. The Commissioner argued that judges needed evidence to inform the ‘very important decisions’ on the level of risk to the community posed by granting bail to an offender, rather than relying on blanket presumptions. The Commissioner noted that such presumptions also applied to children:

Children need special consideration in the criminal justice system.<sup>46</sup>

#### **Recommendation 7**

The Committee recommends that the ACT Government, in its review of the *Bail Act 1992*, consider the presumption against bail and the potential for incompatibility with human rights.

### Education offered at the Alexander Maconochie Centre

7.7. The Discrimination, Health Services, Disability and Community Services Commissioner and Information Privacy Commissioner told the Committee that the Commission received complaints about the education offerings at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC),

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<sup>44</sup> Dr Penelope Mathew, President of the ACT Human Rights Commission and Human Rights Commissioner, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, p 35.

<sup>45</sup> Ms Margie Rowe, Acting Victims of Crime Commissioner, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, p 36.

<sup>46</sup> Dr Penelope Mathew, President of the ACT Human Rights Commission and Human Rights Commissioner, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, p 36.

including about course frequency, eligibility, courses not being offered because of insufficient student numbers, and access to external education. The Commissioner observed that complaints about education at the AMC were ‘a persistent theme’ which could sometimes affect a person’s parole.<sup>47</sup>

- 7.8. The Human Rights Commissioner stressed that a structured day, including education, work and other programs, had been called for many times, and would have wide benefits:

I think the importance of a structured day, which involves education offerings, but also work and other programs, has been emphasised time and time again. We understand that there are some constraints in the fact that it is one prison in the ACT and everybody is in there, whether it is men, women, remand, sentenced. But we do have a right to work and we do have a right to education and they are guaranteed on a non-discriminatory basis. People in detention need that and I think society will be better off if we are able to provide them with it.<sup>48</sup>

- 7.9. In response to a question taken on notice, the Minister for Corrections advised the Committee that the education budget for detainees in the AMC for the 2025–26 financial year was \$1.2 million, which included vocational education and training courses.<sup>49</sup>

- 7.10. The Minister for Corrections informed the Committee during the hearing on 17 November 2025 that the levels of literacy and numeracy amongst detainees was largely unknown. A Detainee Education, Industry and Rehabilitation Board had recently been established, and would work over the next six months to establish a ‘baseline understanding of literacy and numeracy levels’ to inform program investment and development.<sup>50</sup>

- 7.11. The Committee heard that ACT Corrective Services was working with other directorates to determine the target employment skills market as well as attempting to provide programs that detainees wanted, but it was a ‘complex business’.<sup>51</sup>

- 7.12. While programs offered to detainees included higher education, certificate courses, short courses and activity-based courses, and ACT Corrective Services had recently introduced a driver skills program in response to detainee needs, it was not able to meet every need:

With 472 detainees with various backgrounds and degrees, we cannot provide different educational opportunities to meet every single person’s need.<sup>52</sup>

## Committee comment

- 7.13. The Committee is concerned by reports of lack of access to training programs at the Alexander Maconochie Centre.

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<sup>47</sup> Ms Karen Toohey, Discrimination, Health Services, Disability and Community Services Commissioner and Information Privacy Commissioner, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, p 37.

<sup>48</sup> Dr Penelope Mathew, President of the ACT Human Rights Commission and Human Rights Commissioner, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 14 November 2025, p 37.

<sup>49</sup> Dr Marisa Paterson, Minister for Corrections, *Answer to QTON 07*, 2 December 2025.

<sup>50</sup> Dr Marisa Paterson, Minister for Corrections, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 17 November 2025, pp 42–43.

<sup>51</sup> Ms Leanne Close, Commissioner, ACT Corrective Services, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 17 November 2025, p 47.

<sup>52</sup> Ms Leanne Close, Commissioner, ACT Corrective Services, *Proof Committee Hansard*, 17 November 2025, p 47.

### **Recommendation 8**

The Committee recommends that the ACT Government:

- Improve and increase the offerings of vocational education and behavioural rehabilitation programs at the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
- Review barriers to detainees' attendance at such courses and programs; and
- Review the resourcing of educational and training programs at the Alexander Maconochie Centre, including staffing, infrastructure and equipment, with a view to increasing detainees' participation.

## 8. Justice and Community Safety Directorate

8.1. The Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JACS) comprises two primary programs: Justice and Community Safety. The Justice program comprises the following business units:

- ACT Courts and Tribunal;
- ACT Director of Public Prosecutions;
- ACT Government Solicitor;
- ACT Human Rights Commission;
- ACT Parliamentary Counsel's Office;
- ACT Public Trustee and Guardian;
- Legislation Policy and Programs.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner; and
- Official Visitors Scheme.<sup>53</sup>

8.2. The Community Safety program is composed of the following business units:

- ACT Corrective Services;
- ACT Emergency Services Agency;
- Security and Emergency Management Division;
- Strategic Policy and Programs, Community Safety;
- First Nations Justice Branch;
- Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services;
- ACT Policing (as a purchased service); and
- Sentence Administration Board.<sup>54</sup>

### Minister for Corrections

8.3. The following matters are allocated to the Minister for Corrections and the Justice and Community Safety Directorate under the administrative arrangements:

- Corrective Services.<sup>55</sup>

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<sup>53</sup> ACT Government, [Justice and Community Safety Directorate Annual Report 2024–25](#), p 13.

<sup>54</sup> ACT Government, [Justice and Community Safety Annual Report 2023–24](#), p 17.

<sup>55</sup> [Administrative Arrangements 2025 \(No 1\)](#), Schedule 1.

## Matters considered

- 8.4. During the Minister for Corrections' appearance before the Committee on 17 November 2025 the following matters were considered:
- Literacy and numeracy at the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
  - Courses and completion rates at the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
  - Discontinuation of the chaplaincy program at the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
  - Voting at the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
  - A needle and syringe program for the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
  - Contraband detection;
  - Wastewater testing for illicit drugs;
  - Telephone access for detainees;
  - Population and capacity at the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
  - Electronic monitoring;
  - Birthday cards available for purchase by detainees;
  - Sufficiency of food for detainees;
  - Detainees with non-English-speaking backgrounds; and
  - Recidivism rates.<sup>56</sup>

## Attorney-General and Minister for Human Rights

- 8.5. The following matters are allocated to the Attorney-General and the Justice and Community Safety Directorate under the administrative arrangements:
- Administration of justice;
  - Civil and criminal law;
  - Electoral policy;
  - Fair trading and consumer protection policy;
  - Freedom of information policy;
  - Incorporation of associations policy;
  - Justice reinvestment;
  - Registration of deeds and charitable collections policy
  - Registration of land titles and tenancies policy;

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<sup>56</sup> *Proof Committee Hansard*, 17 November 2025, pp 42–66.

- Reducing recidivism;
  - Restorative justice;
  - Sentence Administration Board; and
  - Sex work policy.<sup>57</sup>
- 8.6. The Committee notes that oversight of electoral policy matters has been allocated by the Legislative Assembly to the Standing Committee on the Integrity Commission and Statutory Office Holders.
- 8.7. The following matters are allocated to the Minister for Human Rights and the Justice and Community Safety Directorate under the administrative arrangements:
- ACT Human Rights Commission;
  - Human rights and anti-discrimination policy;
  - Policy relating to births, deaths, parentage, marriages, civil unions, domestic relationships and end of life; and
  - Victims of Crime Commissioner.<sup>58</sup>

## Matters considered

- 8.8. During the Attorney-General and Minister for Human Rights' appearance before the Committee on 20 November 2025 the following matters were considered:
- Police incident involving misidentification of an Aboriginal teenager;
  - Drug and alcohol sentencing list;
  - Coronial reform;
  - Law Reform and Sentencing Advisory Council;
  - Bail considerations;
  - Coroner's case management system;
  - Family liaison support in the coronial system;
  - Net cost of service;
  - Review by the Jumbunna Institute of the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT criminal justice system;
  - Effect of the Director of Public Prosecutions' prosecution policy on court workload;
  - Electronic monitoring;
  - Funding for the Director of Public Prosecutions and Legal Aid ACT;
  - Legal policy relating to sex work;

<sup>57</sup>[Administrative Arrangements 2025 \(No 1\)](#), Schedule 1.

<sup>58</sup>[Administrative Arrangements 2025 \(No 1\)](#), Schedule 1.

- Minimum age of criminal responsibility;
- Restorative justice;
- Organised crime motorcycle gangs;
- Alternative reporting sites for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are on parole or bail;
- Establishment of the Justice Futures grant fund;
- Ecological sustainability;
- Reforms in freedom of information and privacy legislation;
- Victim support;
- Crime prevention success measures;
- Directorate staffing resources;
- ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal sessional allocations;
- ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal and tenancy matters; and
- Criticism of the Director of Public Prosecutions.<sup>59</sup>

## Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

8.9. The following matters are allocated to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and the Justice and Community Safety Directorate under the administrative arrangements:

- Bushfire and other natural disaster resilience and response;
- Emergency management (including overall coordination of hazard and risk assessment, and overall coordination of the prevention of, preparedness for, response to and recovery from emergencies);
- Emergency Services Agency (ACT Fire and Rescue, ACT Ambulance Service, State Emergency Service, Rural Fire Service);
- Policing policy and ACT Policing.<sup>60</sup>

### Matters considered

8.10. During the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services' appearance before the Committee on 20 November 2025 the following matters were considered with reference to the Justice and Community Safety Directorate:

- Police incident involving misidentification of an Aboriginal teen;
- Disaster Ready Fund;

<sup>59</sup> *Proof Committee Hansard*, 20 November 2025, pp 74–106.

<sup>60</sup> [Administrative Arrangements 2025 \(No 1\)](#), Schedule 1.

- Ambulance roster review;
- Impact of Ambulance Service staffing pressure on ACT Policing;
- Ambulance workforce attrition rate;
- Ambulance station staffing levels;
- ACT Policing and welfare checks;
- Bushfire Operations Plan;
- Version 5 of the Strategic Bushfire Management Plan;
- Integration of the public responder application into the emergency dispatch system;
- Women in the emergency services; and
- Systemic racism.<sup>61</sup>

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<sup>61</sup> *Proof Committee Hansard*, 20 November 2025, pp 107–135.

## 9. Infrastructure Canberra

9.1. Infrastructure Canberra's core functions include:

- Leading the development, procurement and delivery of all Tier 1 and 2 government infrastructure programs and projects, in partnership with ACT Government directorates and industry;
- Leading leasing and associated property management and maintenance services across the ACT Government property portfolio;
- Coordinating and shaping the ACT Infrastructure Plan and Pipeline, and developing a portfolio and program management framework to support ACT Government infrastructure initiatives; and
- Providing strategic advice, expertise and assurance to the ACT Government and decision-makers, industry and key stakeholders on infrastructure policy, investment, planning, delivery and management.<sup>62</sup>

### Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

9.2. The following matters are allocated to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Infrastructure Canberra under the administrative arrangements:

- Delivery of Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects, programs and precincts, including:
  - Casey Joint Emergency Services Station;
  - City police station;
  - Molonglo Joint Emergency Services Station; and
  - New ACT Policing headquarters.<sup>63</sup>

### Matters considered

9.3. During the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services' appearance before the Committee on 18 November 2025 the following matters were considered:

- Sewage contamination of the city police station;
- Progress on the feasibility study and business case for the ACT Policing headquarters and city police station;
- Casey joint emergency services station project;
- Molonglo police station;
- Status of major emergency services infrastructure projects currently underway; and

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<sup>62</sup> ACT Government, [Infrastructure Canberra Annual Report 2024–25](#), p 10.

<sup>63</sup> [Administrative Arrangements 2025 \(No 1\)](#), Schedule 1.

- Construction defects at Acton Station.<sup>64</sup>

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<sup>64</sup> *Proof Committee Hansard*, 18 November 2025, pp 67–73.

## 10. Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

- 10.1. As a result of a review of the ACT Public Service structuring in 2025, the City and Environment Directorate was formed through the amalgamation of Access Canberra, the Better Regulation Taskforce, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) and Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate. Consequently, EPSDD ceased to exist as a directorate at the conclusion of the 2024–25 reporting period.<sup>65</sup>

### Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

#### Matters considered

- 10.2. During the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services' appearance before the Committee on 20 November 2025 the following matters were considered with reference to EPSDD, represented by the City and Environment Directorate:
- Bushfire Operations Plan; and
  - Fuel management burns.<sup>66</sup>

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<sup>65</sup> ACT Government, [Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate Annual Report 2024-25](#), p 16.

<sup>66</sup> *Proof Committee Hansard*, 20 November 2025, pp 127–128.

## 11. ACT Official Visitors

- 11.1. Established under the *Official Visitor Act 2012*, the ACT Official Visitors Scheme provides independent oversight of services for people in government institutions and community facilities who are dependent on service providers.<sup>67</sup>
- 11.2. The ACT Official Visitors identify and address systemic service issues in the following environments:
- Corrections
  - Mental Health
  - Disability
  - Children and Young People; and
  - Homelessness.<sup>68</sup>
- 11.3. Official Visitors are independent statutory officeholders, overseen and supported by the Official Visitors Board. ACT Official Visitors cover five jurisdictions under each of the following operational Acts:
- Children and Young People under the *Children and Young People Act 2008*;
  - Corrections under the *Corrections Management Act 2007*;
  - Disability under the *Disability Services Act 1991*;
  - Housing and Homelessness under the *Housing Assistance Act 2007*; and
  - Mental Health under the *Mental Health Act 2015*.<sup>69</sup>
- 11.4. The Legal Affairs Committee considered matters relating to corrections. Other jurisdictions fall within the responsibilities of the Social Policy Committee.

### Matters considered

- 11.5. During the ACT Official Visitors' appearance before the Committee on 21 November 2025 the following matters relating to the corrections jurisdiction were considered:
- Rehabilitation and reintegration at the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
  - Training programs and activities at the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
  - Barriers to voting in the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
  - Action on issues raised by Official Visitors;
  - Computer access for detainees; and

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<sup>67</sup> ACT Official Visitors, [About](#), (accessed 22 December 2025).

<sup>68</sup> ACT Official Visitors, [About](#), (accessed 22 December 2025).

<sup>69</sup> ACT Official Visitors, [Annual Report 2024-25](#), p 21.

- Health care at the Alexander Maconochie Centre.<sup>70</sup>

## 12. Conclusion

- 12.1. The Committee would like to thank the Ministers, statutory officers and directorate staff who participated in this inquiry.
- 12.2. The Committee makes eight recommendations.

Ms Chiaka Barry MLA  
Chair, Standing Committee on Legal Affairs  
11 March 2026

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<sup>70</sup> *Proof Committee Hansard*, 21 November 2025, pp 136–142.

## Appendix A: Inquiry documents

No.	Document	Received	Published
1	Director of Public Prosecutions – Opening statement	11/11/25	11/11/25

# Appendix B: Witnesses

## Monday, 10 November 2025

### Legal Aid ACT

- **Dr John Boersig**, Chief Executive Officer
- **Mr Mark Timbrell**, Head Corporate

### ACT Public Trustee and Guardian

- **Ms Robyn Hakelis**, Chief Executive Officer
- **Mr Callum Hughes**, Senior Director, Finance Unit
- **Ms Danae Lacey**, Senior Director, Client Services

## Tuesday, 11 November 2025

### Office of the Solicitor-General

- **Mr Peter Garrison AM SC**, ACT Solicitor-General
- **Ms Ximena Nikias**, General Manager

## Wednesday, 12 November 2025

### Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

- **Ms Victoria Engel SC**, Director of Public Prosecutions
- **Ms Melinda Graczol**, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions

## Friday, 14 November 2025

### Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services

- **Ms Rebecca Minty**, Inspector of Custodial Services
- **Mr Sean Costello**, Deputy Inspector of Custodial Services

### ACT Human Rights Commission

- **Dr Penelope Mathew**, President and Human Rights Commissioner

- **Ms Karen Toohey**, Discrimination, Health Services, Disability and Community Services Commissioner and Information Privacy Commissioner
- **Ms Margie Rowe**, Acting Victims of Crime Commissioner

## Monday, 17 November 2025

**Dr Marisa Paterson MLA**, Minister for Corrections

### Justice and Community Safety Directorate

- **Mr Ray Johnson**, Acting Director-General
- **Ms Wilhelmina Blount**, Acting Deputy Director-General
- **Ms Leanne Close**, Commissioner, ACT Corrective Services
- **Mr James Taylor-Dayus**, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Custodial Operations, ACT Corrective Services

## Tuesday, 18 November 2025

**Dr Marisa Paterson MLA**, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

### Infrastructure Canberra

- Ms Gillian Geraghty, Director-General
- **Mr Ashley Cahif**, Deputy Director-General
- **Ms Hayley Bell**, Executive Group Manager, Delivery – Health, Education and Justice

## Thursday, 20 November 2025

**Ms Tara Cheyne MLA**, Attorney-General and Minister for Human Rights

**Dr Marisa Paterson MLA**, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

### Justice and Community Safety Directorate

- **Mr Ray Johnson**, Acting Director-General
- **Ms Dragana Cvetkovski**, Chief Finance Officer, Corporate Services Group
- **Mr Daniel Ng**, Acting Executive Group Manager, Legislation, Policy and Programs Division
- **Ms Zoe Hutchinson**, Executive Branch Manager, Human Rights Branch, Legislation, Policy and Programs Division
- **Mr Benjamin Wickham**, Chief Executive Officer, ACT Courts and Tribunal

- **Ms Wilhelmina Blount**, Acting Deputy Director-General
- **Mr Wayne Philips**, Commissioner, ACT Emergency Services Agency
- **Mr Rohan Scott**, Chief Officer, ACT Rural Fire Service, ACT Emergency Services Agency
- **Mr David Dutton**, Chief Officer, ACT Ambulance Service, ACT Emergency Services Agency
- **Ms Catherine King**, Acting Executive Group Manager, Security and Emergency Management Division
- **Deputy Commissioner Scott Lee APM**, Chief Police Officer for the ACT, ACT Policing
- **Commander Andrew Bailey**, Commander of Investigations, ACT Policing

### City and Environment Directorate

- **Mr Nicholas Daines**, Senior Director, Fire Management Unit, ACT Parks and Conservation

## Friday, 21 November 2025

### ACT Official Visitors

- **Mr Peter Muir**, Board Chair
- **Ms Clare Doube**, Official Visitor for Corrections and Official Visitors Board member
- **Ms Kim Webster**, Official Visitor for Disability

# Appendix C: Questions on Notice and Questions Taken on Notice

## Questions on Notice

No.	Date	Asked of	Subject	Response received
1	24/11/25	Inspector of Custodial Services	Naloxone availability	25/11/25
2	24/11/25	Inspector of Custodial Services	Young people in detention	25/11/25
3	27/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Availability of stretched vehicles (ACT Ambulance Service)	3/12/25
4	27/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Bladed Implements (ACT Policing)	5/01/26
5	27/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Single Point of Truth (SPOT) Application (ACT Emergency Services Agency)	3/12/25
6	27/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Police Assistance Line	-
7	27/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Emergency Response Driver (ERD) Recertification	5/12/25
8	27/11/25	Minister for City and Government Services	Bushfire Preparedness	15/12/25
9	27/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Police Numbers	5/01/26
10	27/11/25	Minister for City and Government Services	Strategic assessment of fire trails	8/12/25
11	27/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMCG) Police Operation Cost	5/01/26
12	27/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	VETtrak Student Online Management System (ACT Emergency Services Agency)	5/12/25
13	27/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Disaster resilience - Closing the Gap	11/12/25
14	27/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Specialist training - ACT Ambulance Service	5/12/25
15	27/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Fireground protective equipment - ACT Ambulance Service	3/12/25
16	27/11/25	Attorney-General	Zero Emissions Government Framework - JACS emissions reduction targets	8/12/25

17	1/12/25	Attorney-General	Crown lease variations	2/12/25
18	27/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Ambulance Ramping	5/12/25
19	1/12/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Illegal dirt-bike riding and anti-social scooter operation	5/01/26
20	1/12/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Reduction of Priority One incidents in Tuggeranong since 2019	-

## Questions Taken on Notice

No.	Date	Asked of	Subject	Response received
1	10/11/25	Legal Aid ACT	Rent Relief Fund	14/11/25
2	11/11/25	ACT Solicitor-General	Regulatory prosecutions	18/11/25
3	11/11/25	ACT Solicitor-General	Protection orders	18/11/25
4	12/11/25	Director of Public Prosecutions	Public Interest Test	25/11/25
5	12/11/25	Director of Public Prosecutions	Family violence	25/11/25
6	17/11/25	Minister for Corrections	Courses at the Alexander Maconochie Centre	1/12/25
7	17/11/25	Minister for Corrections	Budget for employment training at the Alexander Maconochie Centre	5/12/25
8	17/11/25	Minister for Corrections	Chaplaincy Program at the Alexander Maconochie Centre	5/12/25
9	17/11/25	Minister for Corrections	Cessation of Chaplaincy Program at the Alexander Maconochie Centre	1/12/25
10	17/11/25	Minister for Corrections	Frequency of courses offered at the Alexander Maconochie Centre	11/12/25
11	17/11/25	Minister for Corrections	Contraband at the Alexander Maconochie Centre	1/12/25
12	17/11/25	Minister for Corrections	Alexander Maconochie Centre staff detected with contraband	1/12/25
13	17/11/25	Minister for Corrections	Postage rates for detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre	1/12/25
14	17/11/25	Minister for Corrections	Availability of 13-YARN and cost of calls to detainees at Alexander Maconochie Centre	5/12/25
15	17/11/25	Minister for Corrections	Cost of phone calls at Alexander Maconochie Centre	2/12/25

16	17/11/25	Minister for Corrections	Birthday cards available for purchase at Alexander Maconochie Centre	11/12/25
17	17/11/25	Minister for Corrections	Complaints regarding sufficiency of food at Alexander Maconochie Centre	1/12/25
18	18/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Final cost of Acton station	26/11/25
19	20/11/25	Attorney-General	Prosecutions for unlawful use of force	15/12/25
20	20/11/25	Attorney-General	Consultation on Coroner's case management system	1/12/25
21	20/11/25	Attorney-General	Net cost of service	8/12/25
22	-	-	Withdrawn	-
23	20/11/25	Attorney-General	Confiscation of criminal assets	8/12/25
24	20/11/25	Attorney-General	Alternative reporting sites for First Nations people	1/12/25
25	20/11/25	Attorney-General	Ecological sustainability	1/12/25
26	20/11/25	Attorney-General	Tenancy matters before ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal	1/12/25
27	20/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Release of body-worn camera footage	5/12/25
28	20/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Timing of photo identification	-
29	20/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Ambulance station closures	3/12/25
30	20/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Crewing of ambulance stations	3/12/25
31	20/11/25	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services	Police social media moderation guidelines	5/12/25

## Appendix D: Gender distribution of witnesses

Beginning in April 2023, in response to an audit by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Committees are collecting information on the gender of witnesses. The aim is to determine whether committee inquiries are meeting the needs, and allowing the participation, of a range of genders in the community. Participation is voluntary and there are no set responses.

Gender indication	Total
Female	11
Male	10
No data	16