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STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to: **AMC inmates being transferred to NSW**

Ref: Estimates Hearing on Thursday, 25th February 11:00-12:00pm.


During the hearing, Mr Hanson asked the Minister if he had looked at reengaging with NSW on a limited scale for taking some Canberran inmates. The Minister stated that he had.

1. How many inmates from the AMC are currently being accommodated within NSW?
2. How much per day, per inmate, does it cost the ACT to have AMC inmates accommodated in NSW?
3. Why are inmates from the AMC being accommodated within NSW?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. There are currently ten detainees from the AMC being accommodated in NSW.
2. ACT Corrective Services is unable to provide this data as a cost breakdown per day is not information that is tracked and can vary depending on several factors (e.g. security status of the detainee). However, over the last 12 months the associated costs for housing detainees interstate was approximately \$529,000.
3. The decision to transfer detainees to NSW is made to ensure the ongoing safety, security and good order of the AMC, as well as for their safety and wellbeing and that of other detainees.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA