



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: **Prisoner Education**

Ref: JACS Annual Report 2019-2020, Output 2.1, subheading “Other Challenges”, p461

1. What is the definition used by ACTCS to determine if someone is enrolled in an education program at the AMC?
2. How many inmates are currently enrolled in an educational program, such as, but limited to certificates, university education, vocational education and prison based programs?
 - a. What education programs currently have inmates enrolled in them?
 - b. How many inmates are enrolled in each of those education programs?
3. What is the completion rate for this financial year and the last three financial years broken down by field of study?

Mick Gentleman MLA: I am advised that the answer to the Member’s questions are as follows:–

1. ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) considers a detainee to be enrolled in an education program once enrolment paperwork is signed and the detainee is enrolled to commence classes.
2. As at February 2021, there were 232 detainees enrolled in an education program which includes non-accredited education, accredited certificates and university study. Detainees can be enrolled in more than one education program at a time, which accounts for the total of 415 enrolments in the table below.

Education Categories	Grand Total
Category OP101	105
AMC – ART	83
AMC - LIBRARY STUDIES	1
AMC – LITERACY	14
AMC – RESUME	4
AMC – RESEARCH	3
Category OP103	290



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AHC21216 - Certificate II in Rural Operations - AMC Landscape Cluster	25
AMC - Construction (Build It & Drain It)	31
CPCCWHS1001 - Prepare to work safely in the construction industry	15
FSK20113 - Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways	1
TLII1002 - Apply customer service skills	9
TLIP2024 - Conduct financial transactions	8
AMC - Food Safety	11
AMC – Landscape	4
AMC – Cleaning	13
AMC – Coffee	14
AMC - Chemical Users	20
FBP20217 - Certificate II in Baking	31
FSK20119 - Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways	108
Category OP104	20
AMC - UNIVERSITY STUDIES	20
Grand Total	415

3. The calculation of completion 'rates' is very challenging for various reasons (e.g. some participants may complete courses over multiple years, or may not complete a course due to release from custody). As a result, ACTCS cannot provide information on completion 'rates' within the requested timeframe. While it is not possible to provide a 'rate' as requested, the number of certificates and statements of attainment issued to detainees over the past two financial years to date is provided below:
- for the period between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020, 26 accredited education certificates were issued and a further 333 statements of attainment were issued; and
 - for the period between 1 July 2020 and 28 February 2021, 31 accredited education certificates were issued and a further 294 statements of attainment were issued.

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