



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021

QUESTION ON NOTICE

16 March 2022

Asked by Ms Elizabeth Kikkert MLA on 2 March 2022.

[Ref: Official Visitor Scheme, Official Visitor Scheme Annual Report 2020-21 pp 28, 29]

In relation to: Management unit changes.

1. Can the OVC provide details such as the date of the court ruling referenced under subheading “Management Unit changes” on p28 of the report?
 - a. Is this the same court ruling referenced in the case study on p29?
 - b. Was the detainee referenced in the case study on p29 offered any sort of compensation by ACTCS?
2. Can the OVC go into further detail on the “additional level of punishment” being implemented on detainees in the management unit?

Mr Shannon Pickles, Official Visitor for Corrections

The answer to the Member’s question is as follows: –

- 1. Can the OVC provide details such as the date of the court ruling referenced under subheading “Management Unit changes” on p28 of the report?**
 - a. Is this the same court ruling referenced in the case study on p29?**
 - b. Was the detainee referenced in the case study on p29 offered any sort of compensation by ACTCS?**

The court ruling referenced was ‘NATHAN DAVIDSON V DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIRECTORATE SC 328 OF 2020’. This is the same court ruling referenced in the case study. I am unaware of any details regarding compensation.

- 2. Can the OVC go into further detail on the “additional level of punishment” being implemented on detainees in the management unit?**

Additional punishments / restrictions of which detainees in the management unit complained include no access to cigarettes/nicotine, no access to TV/radios, increased restrictions to phone calls, no access to coffee/caffeine, and blocked access to courtyards.

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

Signature:

Date:

By Andrew Taylor, Public Trustee and Guardian, a member of the Official Visitors Board on behalf of the Chair, Jennifer McNeill