



## Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023**

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Kikkert MLA :

Reference: Hearing on 14 November 2023, Annual Report of Justice and Community Safety Directorate, page 71 , Output 2.1

In relation to: Transitional Release Centre and work release

Question Lodgement Date: 21/11/2023

- (1) How many detainees in the Transitional Release Centre (TRC) accessed work release during their time in the TRC between 01 January 23 - present?
  - (a) Of these detainees, how many accessed work release by outside employers?
    - (i) Of these employers, how many were in the private sector and how many were in the public sector?
- (2) How many days/hours were worked by detainees on work release in the same time period?
- (3) What was the primary method used by detainees to commute back and forth from their place of employment?
- (4) Has there been a survey or review of detainees in the transitional release centre access to work? If so, can you please provide a copy of it, with its data.

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

- 1) Between 1 January 2023 to 24 November 2023, 13 detainees accessed work release from the Transitional Release Centre (TRC).
  - a) All 13 detainees accessed work release provided by outside employers.
    - i) Two employers were in the public sector and 11 in the private sector.
- 2) ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) does not currently record this information. In order to determine the answer, ACTCS would be required to conduct a manual process which would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- 3) Transport arrangements vary according to individual detainee and employment placement process. Generally, either ACTCS or employers provide transport for detainees to and from their place of employment.

- 4) ACTCS have not conducted a survey or review of detainees in the TRC and their access to work. ACTCS intends to explore this further in 2024.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA