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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 Ms Jo Clay MLA: To ask Inspector of Correctional Services

In relation to: **Community Correction Orders**

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Community correction orders were only completed 60-68% of the time. Why is this so low?

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

In 2019-20, the ACT exceeded its target completion rates for Community Corrections Orders (see Accountability Indicator 2.1a), where:

- 69% of Supervision Orders were successfully completed (against a target of 68%); and
- 61% of Reparation Orders were successfully completed (against a target of 60%).

Offenders who are subject to Community Corrections Orders often experience a range of complex issues which can impact completion rates. The ACT Government provides a range of services to support individuals subject to Community Corrections Orders to maximise successful completion rates.

In interpreting figures associated with smaller jurisdictions (and relatively small cohorts subject to Community Corrections Orders) such as the ACT, it is important to note that data does fluctuate year to year. Notwithstanding, the ACT performs at a level that is comparable with the national average.

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

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Date: 15/3/2021

Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA