



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Dr Paterson MLA on 9 November 2022: Ms Jennifer McNeill took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

DR PATERSON: In respect to Bimberi, I am interested how many complaints were received from Bimberi in the last annual reporting period?

Mr Pickles: I will get Jennifer—it is not my—

Ms McNeill: Dr Paterson, I was just going to say that Bimberi is one of the premises that is visited by the Children and Young People's Official Visitors rather than the Correctional Visitors and this is because there is a Correctives Visitor. So if you are there for one moment, I will see if it is in the report and statistics at hand.

Mr Pickles: It looks like it does not break it down.

Ms McNeill: No, I think that is right. We just have it by the discipline rather than by the location. I do not think that we would be able to break it down by reference to location, but I can take on notice that task and see whether the information is available broken down in that way.

Jennifer McNeill, Chair of the Official Visitors Board: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

Official Visitors (Children and Young People) received twenty-two (22) complaints from young people at Bimberi which were then raised with Bimberi Management during the 2021 – 2022 reporting period. Two (2) of these complaints were also referred to the Public Advocate for investigation. Most commonly, the complaints concerned food (quantity and type).

- From 1 July to 30 September 2021, there were five (5) complaints
- From 1 October to 31 December 2021, there were five (5) complaints

- From 1 January to 31 March 2022, there were five (5) complaints
- From 1 April to 30 June 2022 there were seven (7) complaints

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By Ms Jennifer McNeill, Chair of the Official Visitors Board, Official Visitor Scheme