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Answer to Question Taken on Notice

Mr Brendan Smyth MLA asked the **Minister for Corrections**, during the Standing Committee into Justice and Community Safety hearing, taken on 2 May 2014:

In relation to remand and sentenced prisoners:

Mr Rattenbury: Sorry, I just did not hear you. Certainly in terms of the general issue of mix of remand and sentenced prisoners, that is an issue at the AMC across the board, not just with Indigenous detainees.

THE CHAIR: Can you tell us the numbers?

Ms Mitcherson: I would have to take the exact number on notice, but I think it is around one-third remand, two-thirds sentenced. But that can change. I might just add, within the Indigenous population, I think there is about 52 men at the moment, they cannot all mix together. So even within that group, there is a cohort that cannot mix with others, generally because of the nature of their offences.

THE CHAIR: That would be interesting, actually. I do not expect you to have this off hand, but if you could give us a breakdown of number on remand as against—

Ms Mitcherson: We could only do it for a day in time, because, as you would appreciate, it changes every day. But we will certainly pick a day and give you that. I think it is about one-third, two-thirds.

THE CHAIR: But also the mix between Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

Ms Mitcherson: Yes.

THE CHAIR: On remand as well.

Ms Mitcherson: Yes.

Approved for circulation to the Member

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Minister for Corrections

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Minister – the answer to the Member's question is as follows:

On 16 May 2014 there were 102 detainees on remand and 234 sentenced detainees in the AMC.

Of the 336 detainees in the AMC on this date 60 individuals identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Of the 60, 17 are on remand and 43 are sentenced detainees.