



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Corrections

Reference: Corrections

Hearing: 28 July 2026

In relation to: Implementation of the 2025 Healthy Prison Review

Question received: 29 July 2026

Answer Due: 12 August 2026

The Inspector of Custodial Services' 2025 Healthy Prison Review made 25 recommendations that were identified in the Government response as being "subject to future budget considerations". *(The details of these recommendations are available in the answer to QTON No. 48 from the Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027.)*

- (1) What is the process for tracking recommendations that have been flagged as "subject to future budget considerations" in various reviews throughout the year?
- (2) How many of the 25 recommendations identified as "subject to future budget review" in the ICS 2025 Healthy Prison Review were funded in this budget?
- (3) For the recommendations that weren't funded:
 - (a) why weren't they funded?
 - (b) will they be considered in the next budget cycle?

Ms Caitlin Tough MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) All recommendations that have been agreed or agreed in principle (including those with elements that may be subject to future budget considerations) are tracked with progress reported annually in the JACS Annual Report.

Recommendations that have been noted or are current government policy are not tracked but may be incorporated into business planning as appropriate.

- (2) The answer to QTON No.48 and the [Government Response to the Healthy Prison Review 2025](#) both list 15 recommendations where elements of the response may be subject to future budget considerations.

Of these 15 recommendations, none were funded in the 2026-27 budget. Works to complete the detailed design for the delivery of two new satellite health clinics in the AMC and expansion of the existing Hume Health Centre (a prerequisite for progressing recommendation 19, medical imaging facilities) was funded in the 2025-26 budget.

- (3) (a) As the *Healthy Prison Review 2025 report* was tabled in November 2025 and the government response was tabled in May 2026 there was insufficient time to allow for meaningful consideration of the recommendations in the 2026-27 Budget.

(b) Decisions have not yet been made about items that will progress in the 2027-28 Budget.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature:



By the Minister for Corrections, Ms Caitlin Tough MLA

Date:

