



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MRS KICKERT MLA: To ask the Minister for Justice Health

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In relation to: key indicators

- 1) The government agreed in principle to recommendation 10 of the Auditor General's report into the management of detainee mental health services in the AMC. They committed to updating the Health Advisory Group's Terms of Reference by 30 September 2022 prior to developing new Key Performance Indicators. Is the government on track to have the Health Advisory Group's Terms of Reference by 30 September 2022?
- 2) How many 'At Risk' referrals are triaged within two hours?
- 3) How many clinically managed detainees receive a psychiatrist review every three months?
- 4) How many detainees on involuntary treatment orders are reviewed by a health professional every two weeks?
- 5) How long is the wait time between referral and response?

MS DAVIDSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- 1) The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Health Advisory Group are currently being reviewed and updated. As part of a collaborative process the TOR will be distributed to stakeholders for consideration and may not be endorsed by 30 September 2022.
- 2) From 1 January 2022 to 31 August 2022, 100% of 'At Risk' referrals were triaged within two hours.
- 3) For the period of March - July 2022, 100% of clinically managed detainees received a psychiatrist review within three months.
- 4) For July 2022, all detainees subject to involuntary treatment orders were reviewed within fortnightly timeframes except for one detainee. The assigned clinician noted that the delay in the detainee being seen in this time period was due to operational difficulties associated with restrictions on movements due to COVID-19 health protection measures.
- 5) Referrals for 'at-risk' are triaged within two hours of receipt, during the hours of 8:30am and 6pm. A response is then provided according to the triaged clinical need and with regard for the Mental Health, Justice Health and Alcohol & Drug Services mental health triage categories. For all non-urgent referrals to Custodial Mental Health, these are triaged on the day of receipt and a response is provided according to the triage category of the referral. All referrals in August 2022 were assessed within the identified time frame indicated by the triage category.

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By the Minister for Justice Health, Emma Davidson MLA