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Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mrs Jones:

In relation to: health assessments of new detainees

1. Page 104 notes that you “achieved 100 per cent of all detainees admitted to the Alexander Maconochie Centre having a completed health assessment within 24 hours of detention.” What is the procedure for these assessments.
 - a. Does Justice Health check the ACT Health records or any other health records of new detainees.
2. Apart from the initial health assessment for new detainees, what is the average wait time for detainees to see a doctor.
 - a. Is this list categorised by urgent and non-urgent.
 - b. What is the average wait time for detainees to see a mental health practitioner.
3. What is the average wait time for detainees to receive dental services.
 - a. How does this list of detainees waiting to receive dental services compare to 1 March 2017.
 - b. Are detainees on the methadone program given priority dental treatment over other detainees.

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. The procedure is to conduct a physical and mental health assessment of the person, to inform ongoing health care needs.
 - a. The health professionals completing the health assessment has access to and reviews previous paper and electronic clinical records, including Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Services, Justice Health Integrated Care eRecord.
2. The waiting time for a non-urgent medical appointment is 8 weeks.
 - a. All referrals are triaged as urgent and non – urgent. Urgent appointments are seen the same day.
 - b. The wait time to see a mental health professional is 1-2 business days.



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3. The average waiting time to receive urgent dental care is 10 days.
- a. Comparison of wait list is not able to be provided. The wait list constantly changes when people are removed when they commence treatment, leave custody and new people added on entry into custody.
 - b. No.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shane Rattenbury".

Date:

12/12/17

By the Minister for Mental Health, Shane Rattenbury MLA