



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AGEING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
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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: idose™ computerised methadone dosing machines

1. What expert advice did MHJHADS, ACT Corrective Services, or the Minister receive prior to making changes to the methadone dosing systems in the AMC.
 - a. Who provided this advice.
 - b. Why did the AMC move toward an automatic dosing system.
 - c. Who made the decision that a total of seven dosing stations were needed.
 - d. Who made the decision that two mobile dispensing stations were needed.

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

1. Expert advice was sought locally from Alcohol and Drug Services including from senior medical and senior nurses experienced in idose™.
 - a. In addition, advice was sought from correction services in other jurisdictions regarding the use of electronic medication management systems in prisons.
 - b. Digital health programs such as idose can improve the safety and quality of health care by improving medication safety. idose™ utilises iris scanning, a form of biometric technology, to accurately identify people.
 - c. The idose Steering Committee made the decision informed by understanding the physical layout of the AMC, the options available for medication dispensing and the security needs of the prison.
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Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services

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12/12/17

By the Minister for Mental Health, Shane Rattenbury MLA