

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QTON No. 10

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Deputy Chair),
Ms Jo Clay MLA

Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22 ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 27 October 2021

Asked by MRs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA on 27 October 2021: Mr Mick Gentleman MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MRS KIKKERT: Are you aware if there is any current waiting list for the use of the Justice Housing Program?

Mr Gentleman: Yes, there is a waiting list.

MRS KIKKERT: Do you have an estimate of how many detainees?

Mr Gentleman: I would have to get it for you. We will take that on notice.

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

As of 2 November 2021, there are 21 applicants who have been assessed as suitable for the Justice Housing Program (JHP) should they still require it upon release from custody or for bail requirements.

To date, openings have always been available at the time of release for those applicants assessed as suitable.

The aim of the JHP is to provide temporary accommodation for clients whilst working with them to identify / support transition into longer term accommodation.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature: Date: 5/1/2021

By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mick Gentleman MLA