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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 3****Friday, 7 March 2025****Question No. 193****Mr. Rattenbury MLA:** To ask the Minister for Homes and New Suburbs

1. What is the point at which Housing ACT terminates someone's lease when they occupy a Housing ACT property but have been detained at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC), e.g. is it when someone is sentenced to three months imprisonment or does the clock start as soon as a person enters on remand.
2. How was that period of time determined to be appropriate?
3. How many people in the AMC have lost their Housing ACT property over the last 24 months, broken down into male, female, gender diverse, First Nations status and remanded/sentenced.

Yvette Berry MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Housing ACT do not currently terminate a tenant's lease with Housing ACT when they are detained at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC).
2. The Housing Commissioner has the discretion to periodically review a tenant's entitlement to rent (*Housing Assistance (Public Rental Housing Assistance) Program 2023 Clause 31*). Where the tenant has been absent for 6 months or more, the Commissioner may take action to withdraw or cancel the assistance provided.
3. Three (3) tenancies were terminated in the last 24 months where the people were detained at AMC. However, the process to terminate their tenancies began before incarceration and occurred for reasons separate to their absence and incarceration. Detailed information is unable to be provided as the numbers are small and would identify these people.



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