

## Response to question on notice

### Questions on Notice Paper No 15

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Question No. 855

**Ms Deborah Morris MLA:** To ask the Minister for Corrections –

1. How many detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) have previously been in detention, listed by (a) number and (b) percentage, as an average for the 2024-2025 reporting period.
2. How does the percentage referred to in part (1) compare to the latest national average.
3. How does the percentage referred to in part (1) compare to the prior five reporting periods.
4. What role did ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) and the AMC play in the Government's plan to Reduce Recidivism by 25% by 2025 (RR25by25).

**DR MARISA PATERSON MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) (a) Recidivism is defined and calculated nationally as the proportion of adults released from prison who return to prison with a new sentence within a two-year period (ROGS Table CA.4). It is not calculated as the number/percentage of current detainees at any one time who have been in prison before.

In the ACT, 237 people were released from prison in 2022-23. Of these, 88 returned to prison with a new sentence within two years.

(b) As outlined in the *2026 Report on Government Services (ROGS) Part C - Justice*, these numbers represent a recidivism rate of 37.1% for 2024-25.

- (2) The national average recidivism rate was 44.5% for the same period, in 2024-25 (ROGS Table CA.4).

- (3) Recidivism for the five prior reporting periods was as follows (ROGS Table CA.4):

- 2023-24: 34.2% recidivism
- 2022-23: 34.1% recidivism
- 2021-22: 37.2% recidivism
- 2020-21: 38.5% recidivism
- 2019-20: 37.1% recidivism

It is noted that ACT Corrective Services has transitioned to a new offender management system and introduced automation in how recidivism rates are counted in 2024-25. While it is considered that this has improved the accuracy of the recidivism results, the 2024-25 rate is not directly comparable with previous years' results.

- (4) ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS), which includes the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC), supported the delivery of the Government's commitment to Reduce Recidivism by 25% by 2025 (RR25by25). Under Phase 1, ACTCS led rehabilitation, reintegration and case management across custody and community settings laying the groundwork for detainees to return successfully to the community. For example, ACTCS programs such as the Justice Housing Program and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Men's Transitional Accommodation Program provided short-term accommodation and wraparound support for people on bail, parole or community-based orders, addressing key stability needs that reduce reoffending. The Extended Throughcare Support Program further ensured continuity of support from custody into the community.

ACTCS advanced several strategic frameworks that directly support recidivism reduction. These include the Integrated Offender Management Framework, the Walking with Women on the Pathway to Change Framework, and the Disability Justice Strategy, each strengthening targeted rehabilitation approaches.

ACTCS continues these efforts under Phase 2, *RR25by25 and Beyond*, contributing to targeted integrated rehabilitation and reintegration case management of offenders.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**



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