

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 650

DEBORAH MORRIS MLA: To ask the Minister for Corrections —

1. What recreational technology is available to detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) including, but not limited to, PlayStations, Xbox consoles, games available on Centre computers, and other entertainment devices.
2. How many devices referred to in part (1) are available, and how many are operational at any given time.
3. Where in the AMC are these devices located and which categories of detainees, including sentenced and remand, are able to access them.
4. What restrictions apply in terms of hours of access, supervision, and permitted uses of devices referred to in part (1).
5. Are detainees permitted to use AMC computers for recreational gaming; if so, what controls are in place regarding the type of games available.

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

1. The following recreational materials are available to detainees on PrisonPC:
 - Over 80 games spread over 11 different genres (e.g., action/adventure/strategy)
 - Free to air TV viewing
 - A full suite of office applications (e.g., spreadsheet, word processor, slideshow presentation)
 - Photo/graphics editors and CAD (Computer Aided Drawing)
 - Interactive educational tools for geography, science, typing and a crossword editor
 - Access to over 40 information, news and recreational websites
 - Secure email communication with friends and family.

In addition, detainees who have achieved an 'Enhanced' Incentives and Earned Privileges status have access to the following devices for purchase:

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- Xbox consoles and games, second hand
 - Nintendo Switch devices and games, new and second hand.
2. There are approximately 220 PrisonPC devices deployed throughout the AMC. Unless a device is experiencing technical issues or undergoing maintenance, it is considered operational and available for use at any given time.

There have been over 90 Xbox consoles and 95 Nintendo Switch consoles sold to detainees since September 2022; however, these figures are not indicative of the number of consoles currently in use at the AMC, as detainees may take their consoles with them upon release.

3. PrisonPCs are available to all detainees of either sentenced or remand status. PrisonPCs are located in shared living spaces and some individual cells in all accommodation units except for the Management Unit and the Crisis Support Unit. There are also PrisonPCs installed in the AMC Library for general use by detainees.

Detainees with Xbox and Nintendo Switch devices may use them in their rooms whenever they want. Prior to the purchase of a device, detainees must have an Enhanced Incentives and Earned Privileges status and have the funds available.

4. There is no time-based access restriction placed upon these devices.

All detainees are provided with a user account for the PrisonPC network. Detainees in general accommodation who have a PrisonPC in their cell and detainees in cottage accommodation may log onto an available PrisonPC at any hour of the day or night. Detainees in general block accommodation, who do not have access to an in-cell PrisonPC are unable to access PrisonPC during lock-in.

Supervision of PrisonPC is maintained through strict user access controls and logging of all actions on the network

There is no supervision on usage for Xboxes and Nintendo Switch devices. However, R-Rated video games are not available for purchase and internet connection capability is removed.

5. As stated in question 1, detainees have access to over 80 games across 11 different genres on the PrisonPC. All PrisonPC games have been vetted and deemed suitable for use in adult correctional facilities. These games are single player only and have no possibility for interaction or online play with other users on the PrisonPC network or the community.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

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