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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 3****7 March 2025****Question No. 204****MR RATTENBURY:** To ask the Minister for Corrections —

1. What kind of technology is available to people in the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) to undertake education, including tertiary education, i.e. computers or ipads.
2. Where are these devices located in the Centre.
3. How many devices are there and how many of those are operational at any given time.
4. What restrictions are there in terms of the hours the devices are accessible.
5. How many computers or ipads are available to people on remand, broken down into each accommodation option and whether the detainee is male, female or gender diverse, so they can undertake education.
6. How many computers or ipads are available to sentenced people, broken down into each accommodation option and whether the detainee is male, female or gender diverse, so they can undertake education.
7. Can AMC detainees access health care via telehealth; if not, why not and has it been considered; if so, which detainees can access it.

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

1. Detainees undertaking education at the AMC have access to:
 - Prison PC devices – computers with restricted software and internet capability

- Laptops – detainees participating in approved distance education may participate in a trial of laptop computers containing university library materials. These laptops are not connected to internet and do not have other software included. There are currently two detainees participating in this trial.
2. PrisonPC devices are available within common spaces in accommodation units and distance education participants are granted priority for these devices within their cell. Detainees are also able to access the detainee computer laboratory which has 10 dedicated Prison PC devices for detainee learning and education program usage.
 3. As at 14 March 2025, there were 282 Prison PC devices available throughout the AMC including 10 in the detainee computer laboratory.
 4. As the Prison PC network functions 24/7, access is dependent on a detainee's personal circumstances. For example, those with a Prison PC in their cell are able to use the devices when not participating in other activities, whereas Prison PC units in common areas in cell blocks are accessible during unlock hours.
 5. This information is not readily available and would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to respond.
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 7. Yes, detainees can access health care via telehealth at the AMC. Where telehealth appointments are available by community providers and are appropriate for the appointment type, they will be offered to all detainees. Telehealth appointments are arranged by the Justice Health Services (JHS) Medical Escorts team and a JHS clinician is present during all phone and telehealth appointments. Telehealth links are specific to each client and are emailed to the JHS Medical Escorts team 10 to 15 minutes prior to the allocated appointment time. The link is then used to enter the virtual waiting room, where the Canberra Health Services clinician will start the appointment.

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