

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 9

5 September 2025

Question No. 556

Ms Chiaka Barry MLA: To ask the Minister for Corrections — In relation to the response to question on notice No 334, (a) what are the scope and terms of reference for the evaluation to be conducted by Australian National University, (b) which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) groups were consulted in the development of the scope and terms of reference, (c) which ATSI groups will be involved in the conduct of the evaluation, (d) what is the budget/cost of this evaluation, (e) when will the evaluation report be provided, (f) will the evaluation report be published, (g) was there a competitive tender for the conduct of the evaluation, (h) how will this evaluation differ from the 2024 Yeddung Mura External Reporting Site Pilot—Evaluation Report, (i) what regular reporting obligations do Yeddung Mura have in relation to the i-Can program, (j) what metrics are routinely reported by Yeddung Mura to the ACT Government, (k) is the Government aware of any concerns about the Yeddung Mura program, (l) what compliance processes are in place in relation to the i-Can program.

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

ANU was approached to co-design an evaluation for the iCAN program; however, advised it was not able to assist. Instead, ACT Corrective Services is conducting an internal review of the program, and is working closely with Yeddung Mura, who is delivering the program and providing data points.

The internal review is being conducted using existing resources within ACT Corrective Services and, as a result, a tender process associated with the review is not required. The internal review is focused specifically on the iCAN program, differing from the External Reporting Site Pilot, which was evaluated in 2024.

Yeddung Mura provides monthly data reports to ACT Corrections in relation to the iCAN program which includes client contact dates and times, service and contact type, contact duration, location, and client presentation. Yeddung Mura also meets with project management staff on a fortnightly basis to share information about clients participating in iCAN.

ACT Corrective Services has no current concerns regarding the iCAN program and continues to engage collaboratively with the service provider to enhance reporting, client engagement, and overall program outcomes.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



**Dr Marisa Paterson MLA
Minister for Corrections**

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