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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Questions on Notice Paper No 7

16 May 2025

Question No. 446

MS MORRIS: To ask the Minister for Corrections —

1. What is the highest number of detainees that have been held in custody at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) at any one time, and when.
2. What is the current number of detainees at the AMC broken down by gender,
3. How many people are currently on remand at the AMC broken down by gender.
4. How many (a) detainees and (b) remandees are currently sleeping in non-standard accommodation.
5. How often has the AMC operated above its designed capacity in each calendar year since 2020.

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

1. As of 19 May 2025, the highest number of detainees held in custody at the AMC on any given date was 507 on 20 June 2018.
2. On 19 May 2025, there was a total of 422 detainees in custody at the AMC, comprised of 15 female detainees and 407 male detainees.
3. On 19 May 2025, 11 female detainees and 189 male detainees were on remand at the AMC.
4. As of 19 May 2025, a total of 7 detainees were housed in the Crisis Support Unit (CSU) comprised of 4 remandees and 3 sentenced, while 12 detainees were housed in the Management Unit, comprised of 6 remandees and 6 sentenced.

These units are special purpose units and therefore not considered standard accommodation for the AMC's design capacity*.

5. Please see below table which provides the highest number of detainees accommodated at the AMC on any given calendar day during the calendar years of 2020 to 2025 (up to 19 May 2025).

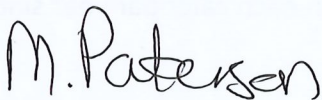
Noting the AMC has a design capacity* of 444 (excluding special purpose units), the AMC operated below its design capacity in all years during the period except for 2020. However, this figure remained below the AMC's operational capacity** of 521 beds.

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (up to 19 May)
Highest Population	467	416	404	403	425	428

* Design capacity refers to the intended or designed bed capacity of a facility, based on the number of beds designed into each cell, and is a measure used in the Report on Government Services (ROGS). It excludes special purpose beds.

** Operational capacity refers to the total number of beds in a facility which are available for daily use to accommodate detainees. It excludes special purpose beds but includes changes in response to operational needs such as double bunking.

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