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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 7****16 May 2025****Question No. 447****MS MORRIS:** To ask the Minister for Corrections —

1. Given that during a recent speech the Minister noted that “over half” of individuals in ACT custody are currently on remand, what is the current number of individuals held on remand in ACT custodial facilities.
2. What percentage of the current ACT custodial population are (a) on remand and (b) serving a sentence.
3. How many individuals currently on remand are being held due to breaches of bail conditions.
4. What is the average time individuals spend on (a) remand in ACT custody and (b) remand where the remand is due specifically to a breach of bail conditions.

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

1. On 19 May 2025, there were 200 detainees on remand and 222 sentenced detainees.
2. On 19 May 2025, 47.4 per cent of the ACT custodial population were on remand and 52.6 per cent were sentenced.
3. Information regarding persons being on remand specifically due to a breach of bail conditions is not readily available noting that other than for failing to appear in Court, there is no offence for breach of bail in the ACT. The Court may choose to vary or revoke bail and remand someone in custody for a substantive offence for a range of reasons.

4. The Australian Bureau of Statistics' *Prisoners in Australia* reports that, as at 30 June 2024, unsentenced prisoners spent an average of 5.2 months, with a median of 3.6 months, on remand in the ACT.

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Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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