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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 7****16 May 2025****Question No. 465****MS MORRIS:** To ask the Minister for Corrections —

1. What is the average length of stay for individuals currently serving a sentence in ACT custodial facilities.
2. How is the average sentence length broken down by (a) gender and (b) offence category.
3. How many sentenced individuals currently in custody are scheduled for release within the next (a) three months, (b) six months and (c) 12 months, and of these, how many sentenced detainees due for release are convicted domestic violence offenders.

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

1. The Australian Bureau of Statistics *Prisoners in Australia Report* provides data on the aggregate length of sentence in the ACT. As at 30 June 2024, there were 211 sentenced prisoners of which:
 - 13.7 percent had served an aggregate sentence of under 1 year
 - 40.3 percent had served an aggregate sentence of between 1-5 years
 - 22.7 percent had served an aggregate sentence of between 5-10 years
 - 19.9 percent had served an aggregate sentence of 10 years and over.

The median aggregate sentence length was 4.5 years.

2. Information regarding the average length of stay for individuals currently serving a sentence broken down by gender and offence category is not readily available. Collation of that data would require a manual process and an unreasonable diversion of resources to address within the timeframe.



3. The number of sentenced detainees who are due for release provided below is based on their full-time discharge date (i.e. some may be released earlier if they are eligible for and are granted parole). It is noted that information regarding their charges is not readily available and would require a manual process to determine, which would require an unreasonable diversion of resources within the timeframe.
- a) As at 3 June 2025, there were 18 sentenced detainees due for release within the next 3 months.
 - b) As at 3 June 2025, there were 36 sentenced detainees due for release within the next 6 months.
 - c) As at 3 June 2025, there were 68 sentenced detainees due for release within the next 12 months.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Minister for Corrections

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