



March 30, 2022

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MLA, MONFWI**Oral Question 997-19(2): Correctional Facilities**

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Questions you raised on March 7, 2022 in which you requested statistical information on inmates and people on probation for the past five years, including the number of Indigenous inmates and a break-down based on age, and gender. You also requested information on how the Therapeutic Community at the South Mackenzie Correctional Centre (“SMCC”) will be evaluated.

I am pleased to provide you with the requested statistics, which are **attached** to this letter. With regard to how the SMCC will be evaluated, I can advise that a monitoring and evaluation framework has been developed for the Therapeutic Community at the SMCC in partnership with the Department of Finance. The framework has been designed to help monitor and track the effectiveness of the SMCC therapeutic community initiative to affect gradual meaningful change for offenders and their communities. As identified in the 2020-2024 Business Plan, the therapeutic model will be evaluated and recommendations to adjust the program will be provided by 2025. The Department does not have any current plans to expand the model; however, following the results of the evaluation the Department may revisit this item.

I would also like to provide additional information in response to your Oral Question, in which you asked about trauma informed supports available to people on probation. Individuals under Community Supervision orders who require trauma informed supports are referred to a variety of services. These services are dependent on the community in which they reside and the services available in those communities. Probation Officers also participate in trauma informed care training. These services include:

- Referrals to Mental Health Services;
- Same day counseling;
- Placement in mental health facilities; and
- Community Wellness Workers, Mental Health Workers and Resolution Support Workers in some communities.

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Thank you for your questions and interest in this matter. If you require further information, please contact my office.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.J. Simpson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

R.J. Simpson
Minister, Justice

Attachment

- c. Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Deputy Minister, Justice
Legislative Coordinator, Executive and Indigenous Affairs

Appendix A: 5 Year Corrections Statistics

Please note: Percentages in each chart are based on the total number of inmates per fiscal year and total number of people on probation.

2017/18								
Custody					Community			
Total: 731					Total: 1246			
Male		Female			Male		Female	
	661	90%	70	10%	1001	80%	245	20%
Total Indigenous	528	72%	61	8%	861	69%	202	16%
Total Non-Indigenous	133	18%	9	1%	101	8%	11	1%
Status unknown	0	0%	0	0%	39	3%	32	3%
Age Breakdown:								
	Male		Female		Male		Female	
< 18	16	2%	2	0%	53	4%	25	2%
18 - 29	247	34%	38	5%	369	30%	111	9%
30 - 39	208	28%	18	2%	284	23%	61	5%
40 - 49	115	16%	9	1%	165	13%	34	3%
> 50	72	10%	3	0%	121	10%	8	1%
Age unknown	3	0%	0	0%	9	1%	6	0%

2018/19								
Custody					Community			
Total: 715					Total: 1244			
Male		Female			Male		Female	
	659	92%	56	8%	1005	81%	239	19%
Total Indigenous	539	75%	52	93%	876	70%	204	16%
Total Non-Indigenous	120	17%	4	7%	88	7%	10	1%
Status unknown	0	0%	0	0%	41	3%	25	2%
Age Breakdown:								
	Male		Female		Male		Female	
< 18	11	2%	0	0%	48	4%	19	2%
18 - 29	237	33%	25	3%	359	29%	110	9%
30 - 39	208	29%	15	2%	291	23%	68	5%
40 - 49	119	17%	9	1%	179	14%	28	2%
> 50	83	12%	7	1%	121	10%	12	1%
Age unknown	1	0%	0	0%	7	1%	2	0%

2019/20								
Custody					Community			
Total: 726					Total: 1268			
Male		Female			Male		Female	
	667	92%	59	8%	1038	82%	230	18%
Total Indigenous	539	74%	52	88%	893	70%	204	16%
Total Non-Indigenous	128	18%	7	12%	97	8%	9	1%
Status unknown	0	0%	0	0%	48	4%	17	1%
Age Breakdown:								
	Male		Female		Male		Female	
< 18	6	1%	2	0%	42	3%	15	1%
18 - 29	224	31%	28	4%	383	30%	93	7%
30 - 39	246	34%	17	2%	302	24%	75	6%
40 - 49	101	14%	7	1%	163	13%	29	2%
> 50	88	12%	5	1%	141	11%	15	1%
Age unknown	2	0%	0	0%	7	1%	3	0%

2020/21								
Custody					Community			
Total: 462					Total: 1199			
Male		Female			Male		Female	
410	89%	52	11%	986	82%	213	18%	
Total Indigenous	355	77%	47	10%	829	69%	190	16%
Total Non-Indigenous	55	12%	5	1%	91	8%	7	1%
Status unknown	0	0%	0	0%	66	6%	16	1%
Age Breakdown:	Male		Female		Male		Female	
< 18	5	1%	1	0%	33	3%	13	1%
18 - 29	140	30%	28	6%	355	30%	82	7%
30 - 39	146	32%	15	3%	286	24%	73	6%
40 - 49	73	16%	3	1%	158	13%	27	2%
> 50	46	10%	5	1%	146	12%	16	1%
Age unknown	0	0%	0	0%	8	1%	2	0%

2021/22								
Custody					Community			
Total: 346					Total: 1036			
Male		Female			Male		Female	
320	92%	26	8%	847	82%	189	18%	
Total Indigenous	263	76%	23	88%	717	69%	161	16%
Total Non-Indigenous	57	16%	3	12%	86	8%	6	1%
Status unknown	0	0%	0	0%	44	4%	22	2%
Age Breakdown:	Male		Female		Male		Female	
< 18	6	2%	0	0%	29	3%	7	1%
18 - 29	104	30%	14	4%	307	30%	76	7%
30 - 39	107	31%	8	2%	252	24%	57	6%
40 - 49	62	18%	3	1%	126	12%	32	3%
> 50	41	12%	1	0%	124	12%	10	1%
Age unknown	0	0%	0	0%	9	1%	7	1%