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Hon Colin De Grussa; Hon Alannah MacTiernan

CORONAVIRUS — VACCINATIONS — CORRECTIVE SERVICES

1063. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the WA Correctional Facility Entrant (Restrictions on Access) Directions and expected directions for critical and essential workers.

- (1) What are the current actual FTEs and authorised or funded FTEs working at custodial facilities?
- (2) How many corrective services personnel have been fully vaccinated to date, given that staff in Western Australian custodial facilities have been eligible for vaccinations since early March 2021 in phases 1A and 1B of the vaccine rollout?
- (3) Has any modelling been undertaken to evaluate the likely attrition rate of corrective services personnel due to vaccine mandates?
- (4) Has the Department of Justice developed any plan to attract and retain corrective services personnel in the event that they are to exit the profession specifically due to vaccine mandates?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The Minister for Corrective Services has provided the following answer.

(1)–(4) As the mandate is in force, the state government is in the process of verifying proof of vaccination for relevant employees and will provide an update once that work is complete in coming days. The mandate is for the first dose by 1 December 2021. These employees are required to be double-dose vaccinated by 31 December 2021.