

Correction Coalition
C/O Mr Peter Sutherland
Director Softlaw Community Projects
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Dear Mr Sutherland

I am writing to provide you with some of the results of the third quarterly report for bloodborne viruses and sexually transmitted infections at the Alexander Maconochie Centre. All medical files for detainees resident at the AMC at midnight of 30 December 2009 were reviewed.

- *Not a single detainee has tested positive for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).*
- *Of those 82 detainees tested*
 - *65 % had screened positive for hepatitis C antibodies*
 - *64% of male detainees had screened positive for hepatitis C antibodies*
 - *75% of female detainees had screened positive for hepatitis C antibodies*
 - *there is no evidence to suggest that any prisoner has contracted hepatitis C at the AMC*
- *69% had been successfully immunised against hepatitis B prior to entry to the AMC; 25 detainees were offered hepatitis B vaccine.*
- *four detainees screened positive for Chlamydia*
- *no detainee screened positive for syphilis.*

I anticipate being able to send similar reports to you every three months throughout the 18-month evaluation process that the ACT Government has embarked upon.

Should you require further assistance in this matter, please contact my office in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



Dr Peggy Brown
Chief Executive

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CC: Mr James Ryan
Executive Director
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