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Mr Sean L'Estrange; Hon Fran Logan

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — CASUARINA PRISON EXPANSION

5960. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services:

I refer to the expansion of Casuarina Prison and the Minister's media release on 18 October 2019, which reads: "It is expected that by the end of this year, there will be two new 128-bed units at Casuarina Prison on existing prison grounds," and I ask:

- (a) As at 11 February 2020, at what stage of construction are the two units; and
- (b) Of these units, how many beds are ready to receive prisoners;
- (c) At what stage of construction are the other two stage-one units, including the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) unit and mental health facility?

Mr F.M. Logan replied:

- (a) The estimated Practical Completion date provided by the Department of Finance (DoF) for the first two units (units 15/16) and delivery of 128 beds is 31 March 2020.
- (b) It is estimated that units 15/16 (128 beds) will be operational by 30 April 2020; stage 1 of the prisoner fill plan is anticipated to commence on 5 May 2020.
- (c) The estimated Practical Completion date provided by DoF for the second two units (units 17/18) and delivery of 128 beds is 18 June 2020. The dedicated AOD Recovery and Rehabilitation Service will operate out of unit 15. The delivery of mental health services is part of this stage of the Casuarina Prison Expansion Projects.