

**CORRECTIVE SERVICES — GREENOUGH REGIONAL PRISON — STAFF AND SECURITY**

5578. Mr I.C. Blayney to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services:

I refer to the Government media statement on 25 July 2019 titled ‘staffing numbers continue to climb for corrective services’, and I ask:

- (a) How many new staff have been employed at the Greenough Regional Prison since the prison breakout in November last year;
- (b) What is the Full-Time Equivalent figure for these new staff;
- (c) How many of the 2,420 applicants mentioned in the above media release were from the Midwest;
- (d) Did any of the 2,420 applicants express an interest in working in the Midwest;
- (e) How many of the 70 trainee officers will be based at Greenough Regional Prison;
- (f) What security upgrades have been planned for Greenough Regional Prison since the break out in November last year;
- (g) What security upgrades have been completed since the prison breakout in November last year; and
- (h) Have the training and education services at the prison been reviewed since the breakout in November last year:
  - (i) If yes, can the Minister please outline:
    - (A) the outcomes of the review;
    - (B) how these services will be different compared with the same services before the breakout; and
    - (C) a timeframe for when the outcomes of the review will be implemented in Greenough Region Prison; and
  - (ii) If no, can the Minister indicate a timeframe for when these services will be reviewed:
    - (A) if no, why not?

**Mr F.M. Logan replied:**

- (a) A total of 30 new Prison Officers have been appointed. A further two recruits will be commencing at the prison on 29/11/2019.
- (b) The full-time (FTE) equivalent is 1 FTE per officer.
- (c) Of the 2420 applicants, 224 were local to Geraldton Mid-West.
- (d) Of the 2420 applicants, 77 people who were not local to the Mid-West expressed an interest in working at Greenough Regional Prison.
- (e) Two (2) trainees from the cohort of 70 trainee officers scheduled for training since the July media statement have been posted to Greenough Regional Prison.

Prior to July 2019, there were 24 new trainees appointed to Greenough Regional Prison having graduated from a local run school at the prison; and a further four trainees having been appointed from Perth-based schools.
- (f) Upgrade and separation of the Women’s compound to improve security and constructive activity.
  - Upgrade to the detection system on the inner perimeter management fence.
  - Upgrade to the CCTV system.
- (g) Replacement of the Sally Port Gate.
  - Upgrades to internal fencing.
  - Replacement and upgrade of cell doors.
  - Hardening to unit control rooms and officer posts.
  - Upgrade to roof to inhibit movement.
  - Enhancement to staff egress routes.
  - Separate walkways.
- (h) (i)–(ii) Yes. The Department is undertaking two whole of Department reviews that will potentially affect the nature of the education and training services at Greenough. These reviews are the Education, Employment and Transitional Services Review which is expected to be completed by early 2020 and the Prison Services Evaluation Project which first stage (high level design) is expected to be completed by June 2020.

The Department is also undertaking a review of Criminogenic Programs, which commenced in September 2019 due to the need for culturally appropriate, gender specific, agile and both short and longer term programs that are effective and offer end-to-end case management from prison to the community. It is anticipated that this review will be completed by November 2019 with the implementation of the approved recommendations to occur over the next 12 to 18 months.

Taking into consideration the recommendations made in the Shuard Report, the Department is implementing a range of responses including:

A specific precinct for women prisoners which is inclusive of gender targeted services.

Improved education and vocational training facilities and programs for all prisoners with a focus on literacy, numeracy and job readiness.

Furthermore, approved enhancements to Security and Response Services (SRS) will enable expansion of the Special Operations Group (SOG) training capabilities to enhance tactical/operational, state-wide security and emergency response capability, 24/7 specialist response, technical support, training and exercising capability. Since the incident the SOG has completed four Incident Control Training (ICT) refresher training sessions at Greenough Regional Prison. As the SRS enhancements mature, training capabilities will continue to increase allowing for delivery of ongoing training to maintain skills across the prison estate.

(A) Not applicable.