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Mr Sean L'Estrange; Hon Fran Logan

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — BROADSPECTRUM — ESCAPEE — LAURIE DODD

5642. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services:

I refer to the recent arrest, escape and recapture of Mr Laurie Dodd, and I ask:

- (a) Following Mr Dodd's arrest on 19 September 2019:
 - (i) What security risk assessment of Mr Dodd was provided by the police to corrective services;
 - (ii) What was the court risk assessment provided to corrective services operations; and
 - (iii) Did the information stored in the Total Offender Management System (TOMS) include details of Mr Dodd's previous escapes;
- (b) Was the staffing level of each shift of the Special Operations Group (SOG) between 19 September 2019 and 22 September 2019 at full capacity:
 - (i) If yes, what is the number of staff per shift at full capacity; and
 - (ii) If no:
 - (A) What is the number of staff per shift at full capacity; and
 - (B) For each shift, what was the staff shortfall;
- (c) Was a member of the SOG made aware of Mr Dodd's arrest:
 - (i) If yes, when; and
 - (ii) Did a member of the SOG inform/advise that they were unable to supervise Mr Dodd:
 - (A) If yes, what was the reason given;
- (d) Who made the decision to utilise Broadspectrum instead of the SOG to guard Mr Dodd while he was at hospital;
- (e) Was an error made in appointing Broadspectrum to guard Mr Dodd:
 - (i) If yes, what was the error; and
- (f) When were you first made aware of Mr Dodd's escape from Broadspectrum custody, occurring on 21 September 2019?

Mr F.M. Logan replied:

- (a) (i) The Western Australian Police Force (WAPOL) do not provide a security risk assessment to Corrective Services as part of the handover of a person in custody. WAPF generally provide a Custody Handover Summary, however one was not exchanged on this occasion.
 - (ii) The Court Risk Assessment Directorate (CRAD) forwarded an email received from WAPOL noting his previous escape in 2004 and that that he was likely to be remanded in custody.
 - (iii) Yes.
- (b) (i)–(ii) Releasing this information in to the public domain may endanger the physical safety of staff, prisoners or the public at large and prejudice the maintenance or enforcement of a lawful measure for protecting public safety and/or facilitate the escape of any person from lawful custody, or endanger the security of any prison. For this reason it has not been provided.
- (c) No.
 - (i) Not applicable.
 - (ii) Not applicable.
- (d) The Officer in Charge (OIC) of Hakea Prison made the determination to request Broadspectrum take over management of the hospital sit. This decision was consistent with Corrective Services policy in relation to non-High Security Escort (HSE) prisoners.
- (e) No. Mr Dodd was not classified as an HSE prisoner therefore appointing Broadspectrum to guard Mr Dodd at hospital was appropriate for his security classification.
 - (i) Not applicable.
- (f) 1:19pm Saturday 21 September 2019.