

ACACIA PRISON — PAY PARITY

**655. Hon AMBER-JADE SANDERSON to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to page 747 of the 2014–15 budget paper No 2, volume 2 and the line item “Acacia Prison Contract—Wages Parity”.

Can the Minister for Corrective Services advise the house what is the exact pay rise that the government policy of pay parity will provide for the prison officers working at Acacia?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. I answer on behalf of the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services.

The amounts paid under the contractual provision for pay parity under the Acacia Prison Services Agreement are the difference between wage increases provided to the Department of Corrective Services employees and employees of Serco working at Acacia. Given this, it is only possible to estimate the amount of money paid under the pay parity arrangement. The \$512 000 amount in the 2014–15 budget papers is an estimate of the growth of this payment. It is estimated that this payment will total \$4.9 million in 2014–15.