

PRISONS — TELEVISION ACCESS

2983. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the provision of television inside Western Australian prisons and ask:

- (a) which prisons provide prisoners with free television access in their cells;
- (b) which prisons charge a television rental fee to prisoners; and
- (c) of those prisons that charge a fee:
 - (i) what is the current the daily rate charged to a prisoner, listed by prison;
 - (ii) what was the daily rate charged to a prisoner, listed by prison as at September 2008;
 - (iii) which prisons charge a daily rate at cost (e.g. which reflects the real cost of providing this service);
 - (iv) which prisons are making a profit from this service;
 - (v) what were the profits raised from television hire in the last financial year, listed by prison;
 - (vi) which of these prisons outsource television hire to private companies, listed by prison and the company providing the service;
 - (vii) how much money did each of these prisons receive from private companies to provide this service in the last financial year, listed by prison;
 - (viii) which prisons take a per cent of the profit of the television hire from the private companies providing these services, and what is the percentage each prison receives, listed by prison;
 - (ix) of those prisons making a profit out of television hire, where does the revenue generated from these proceeds go (e.g. does it go into general consolidated revenue or is it directly re-invested back into the prison where the TV rental is occurring); and
 - (x) do these prisons have free television access in communal areas which can be accessed by prisoners who cannot afford to pay for television hire (please list answer by prison)?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

As part of its overall corporate reform program, the Department of Corrective Services (the Department) is currently undertaking to review and consolidate its policy and procedure framework with the main aim of improving consistency, clarity and efficacy. As part of this process, the procedures regarding the provision of televisions (TVs) to prisoners will be reviewed and standardised across the State.

TV rental is charged and accounted on a weekly basis, therefore it has been reported as a weekly rate rather than a daily rate.

The Department advises:

- (a) The following prisons do not charge prisoners a rental fee for the use of a television:
 - Bandyup Women's Prison
 - Boronia Pre-Release Centre for Women
 - Bunbury Regional Prison
 - Broome Regional Prison
 - Casuarina Prison
 - Hakea Prison
 - Wandoo Re-Integration Facility
 - West Kimberley Regional Prison
- (b) The following prisons do charge prisoners a rental fee for the use of a television:
 - Acacia Prison
 - Albany Regional Prison
 - Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison
 - Greenough Regional Prison

Roebourne Regional Prison

Karnet Prison Farm

Pardelup Prison Farm

Wooroloo Prison Farm

(c) Acacia Prison

- (i) \$1.00 per week.
- (ii) Commenced only when digital TVs were introduced in June 2013.
- (iii) Less than cost.
- (iv) Nil profit.
- (v) Not applicable as per (iv).
- (vi) Does not outsource this service.
- (vii) Not applicable as per (vi).
- (viii) Not applicable as per (vi).
- (ix) No profit is made. All proceeds from television rentals go towards recouping costs of initial capital expenditure by Serco and replacement costs.
- (x) Yes, located in each individual residential blocks for communal use.

Albany Regional Prison:

- (i) \$2.50 per week.
- (ii) \$2.00 per week.
- (iii) Less than cost.
- (iv) Nil profit.
- (v) Not applicable as per (iv).
- (vi) Does not outsource this service.
- (vii) Not applicable as per (vi).
- (viii) Not applicable as per (vi).
- (ix) No profit is made. The revenue generated from TV rental is accounted for as retained revenue by the Department of Corrective Services to offset the costs of TV supply and maintenance.
- (x) A communal TV is provided in the earned supervision unit.

Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison:

- (i) \$1.00 per week.
- (ii) No charge.
- (iii) Less than cost.
- (iv) Nil profit.
- (v) Not applicable as per (iv).
- (vi) Does not outsource this service.
- (vii) Not applicable as per (vi).
- (viii) Not applicable as per (vi).
- (ix) No profit is made. The revenue generated from TV rental is accounted for as retained revenue by the Department of Corrective Services to offset the costs of TV supply and maintenance.
- (x) Communal TVs are provided in all units except for the maximum management unit.

Greenough Regional Prison:

- (i) \$1.00 per week.
- (ii) No charge.

- (iii) Less than cost.
- (iv) Nil profit.
- (v) Not applicable as per (iv).
- (vi) Does not outsource this service.
- (vii) Not applicable as per (vi).
- (viii) Not applicable as per (vi).
- (ix) No profit is made. The revenue generated from TV rental is accounted for as retained revenue by the Department of Corrective Services to offset the costs of TV supply and maintenance.
- (x) Communal TVs are provided in all the day rooms.

Roebourne Regional Prison:

- (i) \$1.00 per week.
- (ii) No charge.
- (iii) Less than cost.
- (iv) Nil profit.
- (v) Not applicable as per (iv).
- (vi) Does not outsource this service.
- (vii) Not applicable as per (vi).
- (viii) Not applicable as per (vi).
- (ix) No profit is made. The revenue generated from TV rental is accounted for as retained revenue by the Department of Corrective Services to offset the costs of TV supply and maintenance.
- (x) Communal TVs are provided in the common areas.

Karnet Prison Farm:

- (i) \$3.00 per week.
- (ii) \$2.10 per week.
- (iii) Less than cost.
- (iv) Nil profit.
- (v) Not applicable as per (iv).
- (vi) Does not outsource this service.
- (vii) Not applicable as per (vi).
- (viii) Not applicable as per (vi).
- (ix) No profit is made. The revenue generated from TV rental is accounted for as retained revenue by the Department of Corrective Services to offset the costs of TV supply and maintenance.
- (x) Communal TVs are provided in the common areas.

Pardelup Prison Farm:

- (i) \$2.50 per week.
- (ii) Pardelup was gazetted as a prison farm in 2010 and the TV rental has been \$2.50 per week since then.
- (iii) Less than cost.
- (iv) Nil profit.
- (v) Not applicable as per (iv).
- (vi) Does not outsource this service.
- (vii) Not applicable as per (vi).
- (viii) Not applicable as per (vi).

(ix) No profit is made. The revenue generated from TV rental is accounted for as retained revenue by the Department of Corrective Services to offset the costs of TV supply and maintenance.

(x) Communal TVs available in the Recreation Hall and Dining Room.

Wooroloo Prison Farm:

(i) \$1.05 per week.

(ii) \$2.50 per week.

(iii) Less than cost.

(iv) Nil profit.

(v) Not applicable as per (iv).

(vi) Does not outsource this service.

(vii) Not applicable as per (vi).

(viii) Not applicable as per (vi).

(ix) No profit is made. The revenue generated from TV rental is accounted for as retained revenue by the Department of Corrective Services to offset the costs of TV supply and maintenance.

(x) Communal TVs are provided in the self-care areas.