

Division 68: Corrective Services —

[Supplementary Information No A36.]

Question: Mr R.H. Cook asked: I refer to the dot point on page 749 that the member for Warnbro referred to about the review of the court security and custodial services contract. The dot point refers to a review being conducted by the Department of Finance. Does the minister know the scope of that review and the points into which it will inquire?

Answer:

Terms of Reference

- (1) Examine the appropriateness of the existing contract management mechanisms contained within the Contract;
- (2) Examine the effectiveness of the contract management practices of the Department of Corrective Services and identify opportunities for improvements;
- (3) Identify options to enable benchmarking of costs of services provided through the Contract, including regional transport; and
- (4) Identify and recommend improvements to the structure of the Contract moving forward.

[Supplementary Information No A37.]

Question: Mr R.H. Cook asked: Can the minister also provide the terms of reference for the subsequent review of the court security and custodial services contract?

Answer:

The Terms of Reference for the mid-term review have not been developed at this time and will be informed by the review being conducted by the Department of Finance.

[Supplementary Information No A38.]

Question: Mr P. Papalia asked: Will the minister provide a list of the early intervention and diversion services he is talking about: who is providing them; where are they being provided geographically; what is the number of offenders being provided with those programs; and what is the nature, if any, of analysis being conducted of the success or otherwise of those programs?

Answer:

The Department of Corrective Services' (DCS') 2013/14 budget redirected \$2 million to increase the availability of prevention and early intervention programs.

DCS is currently reviewing the services and programs it provides and contracts for disadvantaged young people. The review will identify the suite of current programs provided across Western Australia and identify any opportunities for future service/programmatic delivery and highlight any gaps. The review will focus on prevention and diversion programs, programs specifically targeted for Aboriginal young people and those that improve young people's life opportunities and deliver efficiencies in the criminal justice system.

The Commissioner for Corrective Services has also approved the diversion of funds to the following areas, as an interim measure, while the review of services and programs is being undertaken:

- Remand programs at Banksia Hill Detention Centre
- Youth Diversion Services for Carnarvon
- Youth Diversion Services for Derby
- Youth Diversion Services for Halls Creek

Further work will be conducted in the following areas:

- Increase in service capacity for Youth Bail Option Programs provided by Hope Community Services (\$150,000 excluding GST).
- Increase in service capacity for South East Metropolitan Youth Justice Services provided by Centrecare (\$177,000).
- Increase in operating hours for all Youth Diversion Services state-wide (\$160,000 per annum, per location).
- Increase to funding for programs at Banksia Hill Detention Centre (\$130,000).

An additional \$2 million allocated for 2015-16 will fund diversion and wrap-around services for young offenders and youth at risk of reoffending. A priority of the Youth Justice Board is to evaluate new initiatives to ensure services and programs are evidenced-based and deliver effective outcomes. Suitable programs will be identified

during 2014-15 and all prospective service providers will be required to comply with State Supply Commission tender processes and contracting requirements.

[Supplementary Information No A39.]

Question: Ms M.M. Quirk asked for information outlining to date this year the number of assaults and inappropriate relationships between police officers and prisoners.

Answer:

Whilst I undertook to provide this information, I have been advised that as there are a number of allegations arising from prisoner complaints and investigations currently in progress and I am unable to provide further details. It is inappropriate to advise the nature or details of allegations, investigations, information, intelligence reports or complaints relating to sexual relationships between prison officers and prisoners, as these details may:

- prejudice judicial criminal proceedings on foot;
- adversely impact on current departmental investigations;
- adversely impact on current police and/or Corruption and Crime Commission investigations; and/or
- expose and/or endanger confidential sources of such information/intelligence.

The Department of Corrective Services (DCS) reports to the Corruption and Crime Commission in accordance with its reporting obligations under the Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003. These reports include instances of sexual relationships between prison officers and prisoners. DCS also reports such allegations to the police when necessary and appropriate. Allegations are actively assessed and investigated when appropriate in order to maintain the highest standards of integrity and accountability amongst all DCS staff.

[Supplementary Information No A40.]

Question: Mr P. Papalia asked for an update on the state of perimeter fencing across the entire prison estate; what works have been completed and are required across the whole prison estate.

Answer:

The Department has completed perimeter upgrade/replacement projects at Greenough Regional Prison, Banksia Hill Detention Centre and Boronia Pre-Release Centre to address the critical safety and security issues identified in the 2009 state-wide prisons security obsolescence report.

These projects will be followed by a structured program of works to mitigate the risk of entropic decay within all Perimeter Protection Systems (PPS) at the state's prisons and detention centres. This will include the upgrade and replacement of:

- perimeter detection systems;
- Central Control Rooms (CCR) and associated infrastructure;
- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) and recording systems;
- lighting systems;
- physical barriers (both primary and secondary); and
- civil works, such as access/response roads.

[Supplementary Information No A41.]

Question: Ms M.M. Quirk asked: How many people are under community supervision by the Department of Corrective Services at the moment? There are different levels of supervision. Can the minister break that down into those who are actively supervised and those who are not?

Answer:

As at 24:00 on 1 May 2014, there were 5020 distinct persons under community supervision; 4315 adults and 705 juveniles.

N.B. for juveniles this excludes those with Juvenile Justice Team Referrals only.

For the prison releases:

For the period 1 July 2013 to 30 April, 2014:

Adult prisoners sentenced at release

A total of 3608 exits (excluding death and escapes):

- 907 to a Community Based Order (predominately parole or supervised short term parole, and a small number on other order types)
- 2701 releases that were not to a Community Based Order – such as freedom or deportation.

Juvenile detainees sentenced at release

A total of 255 exits (excludes escapes and deaths, though there were none):

- 188 to a Community Based Order (predominately to Supervised Release Orders, a small number to other Community Based Orders).
- 67 released that were not to a Community Based Order – such as freedom.

[Supplementary Information No A42.]

Question: Mr P. Papalia asked for information on the amount spent and the frequency of drug testing within the prison system.

Answer:

The cost of all drug testing in prisons was \$418,000 in 2012-13.

Drug Prevalence Testing is undertaken four (4) times per year. Targeted testing can and does regularly occur at any time.

[Supplementary Information No A43.]

Question: Mr P. Papalia asked: Have Sexual Assault Resource Centre services been established at Wooroloo and Karnet Prison Farms?

Answer:

The Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC) service to prisons does not extend to Karnet and Wooroloo prisons. Should prisoners who reside at Karnet and Wooroloo Prison Farms require the need for SARC resources and support, then an agreement can be undertaken to provide these resources. If prison resources are available then these prisoners may be transported to Casuarina Prison to receive SARC resources and support.

[Supplementary Information No A44.]

Question: Mr P. Papalia asked: How many medium-intensity violence programs are being funded to be delivered by Communicare this financial year?

Answer:

During the 2013/14 financial year, Communicare has been funded to provide two (2) Medium Intensity Violence (MIV) programs.

Communicare has also been funded to run the equivalent of:

- 12 x Domestic Violence programs in the metro area*
- 2 x Aboriginal Intensive Family Violence programs in Geraldton*

* community-based rolling programs are medium-intensity interventions focusing on domestic violence.

[Supplementary Information No A45.]

Question: Mr P. Papalia asked: Will the minister undertake to provide as supplementary information the list of studies underway commissioned by the department and any others?

Answer:

The Department has a unit which oversees academic research programs in prisons. Any academic association or organisation can apply to undertake research in a prison. The application process requires applicants to address a set of criteria which allows the Department to determine which programs meet the Department's priorities.

See table below:

Project Title	Organisation	Start Date
Pathways of Risk from Conception to Disease: A Population-Based Study of the Offspring of Women with Bipolar Disorder and Schizophrenia.	University of Western Australia (UWA)	1/10/2002
Morbidity, mortality and health service use among criminal offenders: A Western Australian Population-based study.	University of Western Australia (UWA)	1/07/2006
Assessment of Prison Quality for Western Australian and Northern Territory Aboriginals.	Griffith Business School - Griffith University	1/01/2007

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Exploring the Pathways to Contact with Juvenile Justice: Developing a Profile of the Risk and Protective Factors to Support a Strategy for Change.	University of Western Australia (UWA)	1/03/2008
Service Provision in Remote Indigenous Australia: Managers' Perspectives.	University of Western Sydney	6/07/2009
Hepatitis C and its Treatment within Australian Custodial Settings.	National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University of Technology	1/09/2009
Linking Population Data Sources to Better Define Antenatal, Postnatal and Environmental Risk Factors including Educational, Criminal, Antisocial Behaviours and Health Outcomes of Children and Young Adults who have been Prescribed Stimulant Medication.	Institute for Child Health Research	1/01/2010
The Relationship between Executive Functioning, Motivation, and Treatment Outcome in Offenders who have been Drug Dependent.	Murdoch University	1/06/2010
The Social and Cultural Resilience and Emotional Well-being of Aboriginal Mothers in Prison.	National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University	1/07/2010
The Person-in-Environment Perspective: A study of the lived experience of practitioners working in a therapeutic role in a prison system.	University of Western Australia (UWA)	1/08/2010
The Benefits of Education/ Training during Incarceration.	Edith Cowan University	1/11/2010
National Prisoner Health Data Collection Project Stage 2 - The Health of Australia's prisoners.	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) - Prisoner Health Information Group (PHIG)	1/11/2010
A Prospective Examination of Factors Relevant to Serial Fire Setting in an Australian Arsonist Sample.	Bond University - Queensland	10/11/2010
Prisoner and Institutional Correlates of Prison Misconduct within Western Australian Prisons.	Edith Cowan University (ECU) - DCS staff A/Manager Offender Movements	1/02/2011
The Mental Health and Substance Misuse Needs of WA Reception Prisoners.	Clinical Applications Unit, Gascoyne House	1/02/2011

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Screening for Latent Tuberculosis in Western Australian Correctional Services.	WA Department of Health - Perth Chest Clinic	1/09/2011
Hepatitis C, Prisons and Treatment Opportunities (HePATO).	Curtin University	1/10/2011
Triple-P Parenting Program: long-term outcomes and economic benefits.	Telethon Institute for Child Health Research	1/02/2012
Improving the health of Indigenous and non-Indigenous ex-prisoners: a mixed methods study.	The University of Melbourne	1/03/2012
Public Health Approach to Child Abuse and Neglect: Antecedents and Outcomes.	Telethon Institute for Child Health Research	1/04/2012
The Presentation of Trauma Experiences in Western Australian Intake Prisoners.	Murdoch University	1/06/2012
What factors have contributed to the decline in self-inflicted deaths in Australian prisons? Deaths in Custody: AIC Research on Hangings.	Australian Institute of Criminology	10/09/2012
Exploring the Resilience of Offender Rehabilitation Staff.	Edith Cowan University	1/01/2013
Identifying and supporting pregnant Aboriginal women and their families during their patient journey through services and across geographical areas: A feasibility study.	Telethon Institute for Child Health Research	1/07/2013
Childhood Developmental Pathways to Educational Achievement in Western Australia: A Multilevel Data Linkage Study.	Telethon Institute for Child Health Research	1/09/2013
Pathways of Children in Contact with Multiple Government Agencies in WA: Phase 1.	WA Department of Health / Telethon Institute for Child Health Research	1/11/2013
Exposures associated with Clandestine Amphetamine-Type Stimulant Drug Laboratories in Australia.	Flinders University	1/12/2013
Examining Within-Person and Between-Person Retesting Effects in Cognitive, Personality and Interview Assessments in a Selection Setting.	University of Western Australia (UWA)	<i>Desktop data analysis; start date to be confirmed shortly.</i>

An Investigation of Parental Mental Health among the Aboriginal Population in Western Australia, and its Impact on Children's Outcomes.	Telethon Institute for Child Health Research	1/01/2014
Health and adverse life outcomes among individuals notified with fetal alcohol syndrome in WA: Implications for policy, service delivery and prevention.	Telethon Institute for Child Health Research	1/02/2014

[Supplementary Information No A46.]

Question: Mr P. Papalia asked: What is the number of occasions across the prison system in which the extent of Serco's contract for hospital sits has been reached or, for some other reason, Serco was not able to provide the service and as a consequence the department undertook the job? How many times did that occur? Does the department calculate the cost of that to the system or does it just absorb it?

Answer:

In response to the request for supplementary information please see the following information on Hospital Sits. The data below is provided by Serco to Contract Management and is updated on a monthly basis. The additional information included provides reasons why the Department may be required to provide a sit.

Metropolitan

From 1 July 2013 to 30 April 2014, Serco were requested to provide Metropolitan Hospital Sits on 1482 days. Of those 1482 days, Serco provided Metropolitan Hospital Sits on 1313 days (89%). Of those 1482 days, the Department provided Metropolitan Hospital Sits on 169 days (11%).

Regional

From 1 July 2013 to 30 April 2014, Serco were requested to provide Regional Hospital Sits on 138 days. Of those 138 days, Serco provided Regional Hospital Sits on 120 days (87%). Of those 138 days, the Department provided Regional Hospital Sits on 18 days (13%).

Supplementary Information

- The Department provides Metropolitan Hospital Sits when Serco reaches their baseline volume band of five (5) Metropolitan Hospital Sits per day, as stipulated in the Court Security and Custodial Services Contract (CS&CS Contract).
- The Department provides Regional Hospital Sits when Serco reaches their baseline volume

[Supplementary Information No A47.]

Question: Ms M.M. Quirk asked for information on the number of reviews currently being undertaken by the Department of Corrective Services and the dates on which it is anticipated they will conclude.

Answer:

Name of Review	Expected Completion
Review of Court Security and Custodial Services Contract	Independent review undertaken by Department of Finance. Expected completion in mid-2014.
Review of Correctional Officers Foundation Program (COFP)	Internal review. Working group formed – completion date TBA.
Review of Prevention and Diversion Manual	Internal review. Working group formed – completion date TBA.
Review of Prevention, Diversion and Early Intervention Programs for Young Offenders	Review of existing programs and services commenced in 2013. Scope has been expanded to include new diversion initiatives and analysis of the cost effectiveness of programs. Expected completion date 2015.