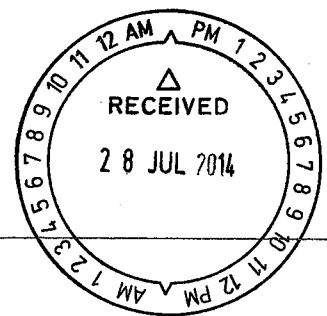




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**The Hon Joe Francis MLA  
Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services;  
Small Business; Veterans**

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Hon Ken Travers MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations  
Legislative Council Committee Office  
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Dear Mr Travers 

Thank you for your letter of 12 May 2014, regarding the Department of Corrective Services' (the Department) appearance at the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations and subsequent Question on Notice.

On 18 February 2014, the Hon Sue Ellery requested information on the escort record system operated by Serco. The response provided by the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services stated that Serco had introduced an escorting and recording system in 2012, known as the Serco Escorting and Recording System (SERS), which "records information regarding vehicle and persons in custody movements as well as offence details and welfare observations while under Serco custody."

The offence details recorded by the SERS are limited, and only include the outcome of the court appearances rather than the specific charges or offence. For example the offence details included in SERS would only include whether an offender:

- is released to bail;
- has a fine imposed; or
- is given a custodial sentence.

Therefore, this information cannot be used to determine the number of prisoners transported to serve fines over the last 12 months.

The Department has identified that this is a concern and are currently identifying a mechanism to address the issue.

Once again, thank you for raising this query with me and I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Francis', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

**HON JOE FRANCIS MLA**  
MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES;  
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