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Hon Liz Behjat MLC Chairman Standing Committee on Public Administration Parliament House PERTH WA 6000

Inquiry into the transport of persons in custody in Western Australia transcripts of evidence

Dear Ms Behjat

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transcripts of evidence I gave to the Committee at public hearings held on 15 June 2015 and 25 June 2015. The attached transcripts contain corrections to typographical or transcription errors.

I also take this opportunity to clarify the evidence I gave on 15 June 2015 and 25 June 2015 in relation to escapes of persons in custody under the Court Security and Custodial Services contract. In 2013/14 there were seven incidents resulting in eight persons escaping from custody. One was a juvenile and the rest were adults. The last escape from custody under the CS&CS contract was on 21 May 2014.

Could you please send me a copy of the finalised transcript.

The Department of Corrective Services is preparing a separate response to the supplementary questions contained in the transcripts.

Yours sincerely

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