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Public Administration Committee Report into Transport of persons in custody

The Standing Committee on Public Administration tabled its report on Transport of Persons in Custody on 21 June 2016.

The Inquiry's terms of reference required the Committee to focus on the Court Security and Custodial Services Contract which is currently held by Serco Australia Pty Limited.

The Committee received a large amount of evidence during a number of public and private hearings and conducted site visits to several Perth prisons, the Perth Watch House in Northbridge and the District and Supreme Courts.

In June 2015, during the Committee's inquiry, the Minister for Custodial Services advised Parliament that the current CS&CS Contract would not be rolled over, and that tender documents would be released in the coming months. The Committee agrees that this was the correct decision.

'The Committee continued its inquiry in order to inform the Parliament and stakeholders of the outcome of its investigations' said Chairman Hon Liz Behjat MLC. 'The Committee found that there were a number of gaps in the Contract and urges the Government to address these in the current negotiations,' said the Chairman.

'The Committee hopes its report will assist decision makers in the re-tender process', said Hon Liz Behjat MLC.

The report can be found through the Committee's website parliament.wa.gov.au/pub.

For media inquiries, contact the Chairman of the Committee, Hon Liz Behjat MLC, on 0419 510 166.

Other inquiries to the Committee Clerk on (08) 9222 7428.

Further information regarding the committee is also available at parliament.wa.gov.au/pub.

Hon Liz Behjat MLC
Chairman