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The Hon Sue Higginson  
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Parliament of NSW  
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Dear Chair

**Subject: Clarification of evidence/transcript for Budget Estimates hearing**

I write to advise of a clarification to evidence given by myself on 24 October 2022 at the Budget Estimates hearing for Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Regional NSW and Stronger Communities 2022 regarding prison cells.

Page 26 of the transcript currently states:

**LEON TAYLOR:** Sure. Chair, I mentioned earlier in evidence we have around 12,000 cells in New South Wales. Certainly the reduction of ligature points is a focus in those maximum security cells where inmates are contained overnight. There are 8½ thousand maximum security cells; I mentioned earlier that nearly 4,000 of those are new...

This should be amended to:

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Page 27 of the transcript currently states:

**LEON TAYLOR:** At about \$15,000 a cell, \$6 million does 400 cells and \$8 million does around 600 cells...

This should be amended to:

**LEON TAYLOR:** At about \$15,000 a cell, \$6 million does 400 cells and \$8 million does 533 cells...

Yours sincerely

LEON TAYLOR  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER  
CORRECTIONS INDUSTRY AND CAPACITY