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Legislative Assembly  
Committee on Law and Safety  
c/o Tanja Zech, Committee Assistant  
[lawsafety@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lawsafety@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Ms Zech,

### **Inquiry into measures to reduce alcohol and drug-related violence**

Thank you again for the opportunity to appear before the Committee on Law and Safety in relation to the abovementioned Inquiry on Wednesday 3 September 2014.

My response to the question taken on notice - *The Langton Centre had a number of beds, but I do not know how many. NSW Health has developed models for calculating the number of beds required based on the population. We can provide that data on notice* – is as follows:

There are no designated medical withdrawal beds at St Vincent's Hospital or within South East Sydney Local Health District, with the nearest designated withdrawal beds (12) based at Concord Hospital

In identifying the Local Government Areas with the highest rates of referrals to the non-medicated Gorman House detoxification unit, a population health needs analysis using the estimates provided by the draft NSW Drug and Alcohol Clinical Care and Prevention Project (DA-CCP) Decision Support Tool (DST) concluded that 28 designated medical withdrawal beds and 7 inpatient beds are required for a population of 633,696.

For more information on the DA-CCP please see:

<http://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/ndarc/resources/Session%20Four%20-%20Alison%20Ritter.pdf>

Please do not hesitate to contact me should the Committee require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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