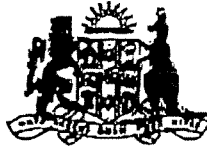


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Dear Mr Brown

I refer to your letter of 14 September 2005 concerning the Public Account Committee's inquiry into public-private partnerships (PPPs), particularly in regard to the delivery of services in New South Wales.

I have noted the terms of reference for the inquiry and welcome the opportunity to make a submission to the Committee.

I can advise that the Department of Corrective Services is currently in the process of reviewing the bids by private sector consortia in respect of the new Forensic and Prison Hospital project at Long Bay Correctional Complex, Malabar.

The project includes the design, construction, operation and financing of a 135-bed forensic hospital and an 85-bed prison hospital.

As the project is still in the tender evaluation phase it is too early to report any firm outcomes at this stage.

I look forward to the outcomes of the Public Accounts Committee.

Yours sincerely

Tony Kelly MLC
Minister for Justice