



Inquiry into the privatisation of prisons and prison-related services

TERMS OF REFERENCE

That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 inquire into and report on the privatisation of prisons and prison-related services in NSW, including:

1. The impact of privatisation on:
 - a) public safety and rates of escape
 - b) the incidence of assault on inmates and staff
 - c) disciplinary breaches
 - d) overcrowding
 - e) prisoner classification levels
 - f) rehabilitation programmes, mental health support services and recidivism rates
 - g) staffing levels and employee conditions
2. The comparative economic costs of operating public and private facilities and the impact of privatisation on publicly managed prisons
3. Accountability mechanisms available in private prisons
4. Future plans to privatise prisons or prison services in NSW, including the Court Escort Security Unit
5. The use and effectiveness of private security guards in perimeter security of prisons
6. The experience of privatisation of prisons and prison services in other Australian and overseas jurisdictions
7. Any other relevant matter.

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