

Select Committee on Juvenile Offenders

Terms of Reference

1. That the provisions of the Juvenile Offenders Legislation Amendment Bill 2004, as passed by the House, be referred to a select committee for inquiry and report.
2. That, notwithstanding the generality of paragraph 1, the committee examine in particular the following matters:
 - (a) the reasons for, and the consequences of, the transfer of management responsibility for the Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre from the Department of Juvenile Justice to the Department of Corrective Services including the impact on staff at Kariong and Baxter detention centres
 - (b) whether the transition of Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre into a juvenile correctional centre operated by the Department of Corrective Services is the most effective method of addressing management problems at that centre,
 - (c) the issue of adult detainees sentenced as juvenile offenders at Kariong and elsewhere in the juvenile detention centre system,
 - (d) the classification system and appropriateness of placements for detainees,
 - (e) alternatives to the establishment of a juvenile correctional centre,
 - (f) the wider social implications of incarcerating juveniles in juvenile correctional centres run by the Department of Corrective Services,
 - (g) management of staff assault issues in the juvenile justice system,
 - (h) whether incarcerating juveniles in juvenile correctional centres achieves reduced recidivism, rehabilitation and compliance with human rights obligations.
3. That, notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders, the committee consist of six members, comprising:
 - (a) two government members,
 - (b) Ms Cusack and Mr Lynn, and
 - (c) Revd Dr Moyes and Dr Wong.
4. That the Chair of the committee be Revd Dr Moyes.
5. That the committee report by 29 July 2005.

These terms of reference were referred to the Committee by Resolution passed 9 December 2004, Minutes No 88, Item 30, pp 1205-1210