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Mr David Shoebridge  
Chair  
Public Accountability Committee  
Parliament House  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Shoebridge

**NSW Public Accountability Committee Inquiry into the NSW Government's management of the COVID-19 pandemic**

Please find enclosed Answers to the Questions I took on notice at the Committee hearing held on Friday, 17 September 2021.

No errors or omissions were identified in my evidence to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

KEVIN CORCORAN  
ACTING COMMISSIONER

Encl:

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**The Hon. TARA MORIARTY:** Okay, specifically have they complied? Let us turn to Parklea, firstly. Clearly that was the source of the first outbreak—some youth detention centres had small cases, but Parklea was the source of this big outbreak, and there are mixed reports about when information about that situation was made public. Can I ask when you were first told about positive cases at Parklea?

**Acting Commissioner CORCORAN:** I was told as soon as that information was made available to the command post. We get text messages as soon as we hear about positive cases and I was aware as soon as the command post was aware. I could not give you a specific date or time.

**The Hon. TARA MORIARTY:** Can you, though?

**Acting Commissioner CORCORAN:** I would have to take that on notice.

**The Hon. TARA MORIARTY:** Can you give me the specific date? It is actually very important. You are welcome to take it on notice if you do not have it in front of you. But if you could provide a specific date that you were notified and also I am interested in what the requirements are. First of all, will you take that on notice?

**Acting Commissioner CORCORAN:** I shall take it on notice, yes.

**Answer**

I first received notification via the CSNSW Command Post on 23 August 2021 that an inmate, after their 14-day quarantine period, had tested positive at Parklea Correctional Centre. Testing was undertaken of all prisoners in the affected areas of Parklea and I received notification of further positive cases, after their 14 day quarantine period, on 28 August 2021.

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**The CHAIR:** Can you tell us when the first COVID-positive case was in Parklea and when you were first notified about it?

**Acting Commissioner CORCORAN:** I think I indicated that I would take that on notice.

**Answer**

On 23 August 2021 Corrective Services was advised by Parklea Correctional Centre that an inmate returned a positive test result, after their 14 day quarantine period.