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Dear Peter,

Subject: NSW Police Force Cost Recovery for Services to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

As you are aware due to the juvenile placement issues within your department, the New South Wales Police Force is being placed in the position of detaining children in police cells and guarding them for extended periods of time. Further, police are increasingly being used to convey detainees extended distances to a vacant position within a juvenile detention centre or other appropriate locations. This situation is placing a strain on the resources of the New South Wales Police Force impacting on our ability to maintain first response policing requirements.

A strategy implemented between the 21st May 2008 and 1st July 2008 to resolve this issue saw the New South Wales Police Force operating on a full cost recovery basis for all services performed on behalf of the Department of Juvenile Justice. These services include, but are not limited to, all supervision and movement of juvenile prisoners which would normally be the responsibility of DJJ and any subsequent costs by NSWPF in having to maintain their community policing response.

Due to ongoing issues pertaining to the custody and transport of juveniles I would like to reintroduce this arrangement from the 25th September 2008 until 1st January 2009.

If you have any questions relating to this issue please feel free to contact me at work on (02) 8700 2400.

Regards,

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Corporate Spokesperson, Custody and Corrections
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