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Mr S Smith
Director
Select Committee on the Closure
or Downsizing of CSNSW Facilities
Legislative Council
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
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Dear Mr Smith

Further to the hearing on 23 November 2012 of the Legislative Council's Select Committee on the Closure or Downsizing of Corrective Services NSW facilities, I am writing to clarify some matters in the Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) written submission dated 14 November 2012, and in the evidence given to the Committee at the hearing of 23 November 2012.

Page 10 of the written submission refers to Parramatta Correctional Centre's operating capacity being reduced from 580 beds to 240 beds in September 2010. The submission should state that Parramatta Correctional Centre's operating capacity was reduced to 380 beds in September 2010. It was not until September 2011 that its operating capacity was reduced to 240 beds.

Page 20 of the written submission states that 249 staff positions were affected by the closure of Berrima, Kirkconnell and Parramatta Correctional Centres. The 249 positions were identified for deletion in the CSNSW *Voluntary Redundancy Program due to Organisational Change (September 2011 revised) document*. However, at the time that the closures commenced, this number was reduced to 236.

In answer to questions from the Hon Robert Borsak at the Committee's hearing of 23 November 2012 (see page 12 of the transcript), Mr Glen Scholes said that the cost per inmate per day was about \$200 for Grafton Correctional Centre, about \$145 for Mid North Coast Correctional Centre (Kempsey), and about \$129 for Cessnock Correctional Centre. Mr Scholes confirmed that these figures excluded depreciation and I stated it was my understanding that these figures were full absorption costings on a cash basis. I would like to take this opportunity to provide the Committee with the precise figures for these centres in 2011-2012.

The cost per inmate per day at Grafton was \$203.24 in 2011-2012. The cost per inmate per day at Kempsey was \$154.85 in 2011-2012. The cost per inmate per day at

Cessnock was \$142.86 in 2011-2012. These figures are calculated on costs at each centre only.

Yours sincerely



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COMMISSIONER