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GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEES

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**General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6**

Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs

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**Questions from Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition]**

**GPSC No : 6**

**Corrections**

**4 September**

**Goulburn Maximum Security Prison**

1. On average, how many Correctional Services Officers are present to supervise inmates while they are in various workshops throughout the prison?

**Smoking Ban in NSW Prisons**

2. How much has been spent on nicotine patches for inmates in NSW Prisons?
  - a) How long is this scheme expected to operate for?
3. What is the anticipated annual expenditure for nicotine patches for inmates in NSW Prisons?
4. How much has been spent on the promotional material to inform prisoners how to beat the cravings?
  - a) What were the creative costs for designing this material?
  - b) What were the distribution costs for this material?

**Prison Population**

5. What was the cost to hold prisoners in segregated custody for the years:
  - a) 2011-2012?
  - b) 2012-2013?
  - c) 2013-2014?
  - d) 2014-2015?

**Inmates and Correctional Services Officers**

6. Have any inmates been incorrectly released from NSW correctional facilities since 2011?
  - a) If so, how many have been incorrectly released?
7. How many deaths have occurred in correctional facilities in 2014-15?
8. How many inmates have been hospitalised as a result of injury sustained while in custody in 2014-15?
9. How many Correctional Services Officers have been hospitalised as a result of an injury sustained in the workplace in 2014-15?
10. How many Correctional Services Officers have been disciplined for their conduct during their employment since 2011?
  - a) For what reasons were they disciplined and what was their punishment?
11. How many inmates are receiving treatment for an addiction to:
  - a) Heroin?
  - b) Alcohol?

c) Ice?

12. How many inmates are receiving methadone?
13. How many complaints have been received by Correctional Services Officers with regards to their working conditions in 2014-15?

#### **Corrective Services Investigation Unit**

14. What is the budget for the Corrective Services Investigation Unit?
15. How many reports were made to the Corrective Services Investigation Unit last year?

#### **Kirkconnell Correctional Centre**

16. How much did it cost to close Kirkconnell Correctional Centre?
17. What was the cost to guard Kirkconnell Correctional Centre during its closure?
18. How much did it cost to bring Kirkconnell Correctional Centre up to operational standard?

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19. Has contraband ever been seized and then returned to an inmate?

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    - i. And the cost of these services
  - d) Ergonomics
    - i. And the cost of these services

### **Department/Agency Administration**

59. How many redundancies were processed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-15?
- a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
    - i. Voluntary
    - ii. Forced
  - b) What was the total cost of all redundancies?
60. Have any staff who received a redundancy in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the agency with which they were formerly employed?

- a) What was the nature of these works/services?
  - b) What was the total cost of these works or services?
61. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
62. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2014-15?
- a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
63. How much was spent on corporate hospitality by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?
64. How much was spent on indoor plant hire and maintenance by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015 year?
65. How much did Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spend on restaurant bills during the year 2014/2015?
- a) How much of these bills were alcohol?
66. Were instances of internal fraud detected by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?
- a) What was the sum total of any such fraud and what was the result of any investigations?
67. How large is the Department's vehicle fleet?
- a) What is the composition of this fleet in terms of engine size?
  - b) How many of the fleet were involved in an accident during the year 2014-2015?
  - c) What was the total cost of insurance claims and repairs?
68. How much did departments/agencies spend on newspaper and journal subscriptions during 2014-2015?
69. How many SES employees are employed within departments/agencies under your ministerial portfolio?
- a) What is their remuneration band?
  - b) For each SES employee, how many have:
    - i. 0 staff reporting to them;
    - ii. less than 2 staff reporting to them; and
    - iii. less than 5 staff?
70. How many sick days, leave days or days attributable to workers compensation were lost for each department/agency within your portfolio responsibility during 2014-15 for:
- a) workplace bullying;
  - b) stress leave; and
  - c) sick leave?
71. Do any of the departments/agencies under your portfolio area employ actors for staff training?
- a) If so, what is:



- i. the size of the contract for the provision of actors for staff training in your departments?
- ii. the term of the contracts for the provision of actors for staff training in your departments?
- iii. the tender numbers for each of the contracts?

### **Department/Agency Travel**

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  - b) Limousine/private car hire
  - c) Hire car rental
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- a) Were any of these payments for UberX services?
75. Have staff in your Department/agencies either paid for with departmental funds or been recompensed for official travel using Airbnb services?
76. Did any officers within departments/agencies under your ministerial portfolio use charter aircraft during the year 2014-2015?
- a) If so what was the purpose and cost?

### **Departmental/Agency IT**

77. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?
- a) What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 on iTunes?
    - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?
78. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an Android account?
- a) What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 on Android?
    - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?
79. How many Department/agency mobile phones, tablets and laptops were replaced due to loss or damage during 2014-2015?
- a) What was the total cost of replacing these items?
80. Did any staff within departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities incur data charges on a mobile phone or tablet device greater than \$1000 for a single billing period?
- a) If so, how many times did this occur?
    - i. What was the individual cost of each data charge over \$1000 for a single billing period?

### **Efficiency Dividend**

81. What was the efficiency dividend required of the department in the 2014/15 financial year?
82. What is the efficiency dividend required of the department in the 2015/16 financial year?
83. What savings measures were implemented by the Department for:
  - a) 2014/15 financial year
  - b) 2013/14 financial year
  - c) 2012/13 financial year?
84. What actual savings were achieved by each strategy in:
  - a) 2014/15 financial year
  - b) 2013/14 financial year
  - c) 2012/13 financial year?
85. What reduction of staff occurred and at what cost as a result of each strategy in:
  - a) 2014/15 financial year
  - b) 2013/14 financial year
  - c) 2012/13 financial year?
86. For the 2015/16 financial year:
  - a) What savings measures will the Department save?
  - b) What is the expected saving to be achieved for each measure?
  - c) Will they require a reduction in staffing?
  - d) How many positions within the Department remain unfilled due to the imposition of savings measures?

## Questions from David Shoebridge

GPSC No : 6

### Corrections

4 September 2015

#### Prison population

87. Of the total current prison population, how many inmates are on remand?
88. What are the current predictions for changes to the remand population size over the next 12 months?
89. How many facilities are currently over capacity?
90. Within the Metropolitan Special Programs Centre how many areas are currently housing more inmates than were intended when they were constructed?
91. Within the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre how many areas are currently housing more inmates than were intended when they were constructed?
92. Within the High Risk Management Correctional Centre how many areas are currently housing more inmates than were intended when they were constructed?
93. How many facilities are anticipated to be over capacity within the next:
  - a) 1 year ?
  - b) 5 years?
  - c) 10 years?
94. What is the cost per day per juvenile inmate?
95. What is the cost per inmate per adult male inmate?
96. What is the cost per day per adult female inmate?
97. What is the explanation for the drop in the the cost per day per day per inmate in the last financial year?

#### Juvenile Detention

98. What was the total number of young people held on remand at any time during the following financial years:
  - a) 2011/12?
  - b) 2012/13?
  - c) 2013/14?
  - d) 2014/15?
99. How many young people held on remand at any time in the 2014/15 financial year were found not guilty for the matter on which they were being held?

100. How many young people held on remand at any time in the 2014/15 financial year were found guilty and did not receive a custodial sentence for the matter on which they were being held?
101. How many young people held on remand at any time in the 2014/15 financial year received a custodial sentence for the matter on which they were being held?
102. What was the average length of the custodial sentence given to young people held on remand at any time during the following financial years:
  - a) 2011/12?
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103. How many juveniles were remanded in custody because they could not meet one or more bail conditions in the following financial years:
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104. What was as the average number of days juveniles spent in custody because they could not meet one or more bail conditions in the following financial years:
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**Thefts of prisoner belongings**

105. How many property related complaints were received in correctional facilities in the last financial year?
106. What steps are being taken to protect prisoners' right to personal possession, in all facets of handling, storing and transferring prisoner property within correctional facilities?

**Needle and syringe program**

107. What are the future plans, if any, to introduce needle & syringe programs within correctional facilities, given these are the most effective means of preventing hepatitis C transmission?

**Budget paper combination of Custody Management, Supervision of Offenders in the Community and Offenders Program Services**

108. Why have the three service areas of Custody Management, Supervision of Offenders in the Community and Offender Programs been combined in the last budget?
109. What is the breakdown of expected expenses in these three areas?

**Offenders Programs**

110. What is the rationale for bundling together the Addiction programs and Aggression and Violence programs into the Targeted Offender Programs?

111. Why has the budget allocated funding for only 8, 250 inmates in the Targeted Offender Programs?
112. Why were over 2 000 inmates denied access to critical programs aimed at reducing recidivism and increasing public safety?
113. Why, despite the increase in numbers of inmates with election promises aimed at tackling the problems of violence and drug usage in the community, has the Government allocated fewer places in programs that are specifically targeted to these areas?

**Employment training rate of inmate population**

114. Is the drop in percentage of inmates participating in education in prisons simply a reflection of the rise in inmate numbers without a corresponding rise in education staff?
115. What consideration has been given to extending education programs to inmates on remand?
116. Do inmates on remand generally have access to libraries within correctional facilities?
117. Some two or three years ago, \$20 million was allocated specifically to education. Of that, some \$3.5 million has been spent on the ILCs. What has happened to the remainder of the money?

**Education in correctional facilities**

118. How many correctional facilities currently have teaching vacancies?
  - a) How many are front line teaching staff?
  - b) How many of these vacancies are Aboriginal teaching staff?
119. What steps are being taken to ensure that all Aboriginal prisoners in correctional facilities have access to education courses specialising in Aboriginal history and culture, as recommended by Royal Commission's report into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody?
120. What steps are being taken to reclassify prisoners as a 'disadvantaged group' for TAFE fee and pricing purposes?
121. Has any progress been made on consideration of having computers in cells for inmates to further their education and facilitate contact with families?

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**Rural Fire Services**

122. Have any sites been identified as suitable locations to build a new Rural Fire Services Headquarters?
123. What assessments have the Rural Fire Service undertaken to determine whether or not large water bombing aircrafts are suitable for Australian conditions?
- a) Is there an increased risk to those on the ground, particularly in eucalypts forests, from the weight of the liquid being released?

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## Questions from David Shoebridge

GPSC No : 6

### Emergency Services

4 September 2015

#### 10 50 Clearing Code of Practice

191. What is the progress on updating the 10/50 online tool for exclusions recently announced to the code?
192. Why has the code not been suspended while the exclusions are appropriately implemented?
193. What resources have been allocated to enforce and monitor the changes made to the 10/50 code by the recent legislation and proposed regulation changes?
194. What strategies are in place to identify and penalise breaches of the code?
195. Given no data is currently collected on tree clearing under the code, how is it possible for the government to assess its effectiveness?
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197. How many representations have been received from Councils and the public about the operation of the 10/50 code?
198. What compliance activities has the RFS undertaken to monitor activities under the code?
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#### Workplace bullying in emergency services

202. What measures has the Commissioner and the Senior Executive Group taken to address bullying and harassment in each of the Emergency Services agencies?
203. What is the average timeframe the following agencies take to respond to workplace harassment and bullying complaints:
  - a) Rural Fire Service NSW?
  - b) State Emergency Services?
  - c) Fire & Rescue NSW?

d) Corrective Services

**Storm tree clearing**

204. In the wake of the heavy storms in April this year, on what basis did the Minister call for legal changes to remove trees that are a risk to houses and electricity supplies?
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## Questions from Robert BROWN

GPSC No. : 6

### Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs

4 September 2015

#### Rural Fire Service (RFS)

222. Regarding the Rural Fire Service (RFS):
- who pays for the fuel in RFS departmental cars when RFS staff attend Rural Fire Service Association (RFSA) meetings throughout the state?
  - Who pays for phone calls made by RFS staff on RFS departmental phones when dealing with RFSA matters between RFSA members?
  - Does the RFS pay any allowances to RFS staff that attend RFSA organised meetings, conferences or overseas travel?
  - Do RFS staff declare any gifts and benefits they receive from the RFSA based on the fact that some RFS staff may be required to represent the views of the RFSA at RFS meetings?
223. How many Hazard Reductions are actually checked that they have been done versus the figures that shown are on Bushfire Risk Information Management System (BRIMS)?
- Why aren't these hazard reductions mitigating risk to extreme areas of the state
  - Why are we still losing homes in areas like the Blue Mountains after 15 years of risk planning and hazard reductions?
224. Why does the RFS continue to pay for industrial relations advocacy/advice through “friends of RFS staff” at approximately \$100k per year?
225. How many second hand Fire Tankers are there sitting around not yet allocated to a brigade, and why are they not allocated promptly?
226. How does the RFS meet its legislative responsibility under section 62a (part 4) of the Rural fires Act?
- Why was there no audit results in the last 3 annual reports?
  - Isn't it a legislative requirement that the Commissioner has to provide that information in the annual report?
227. Who paid the legal fees for all the different solicitors at the recent ICAC investigation into allegations of RFS fraud, where many staff were individually represented by different legal counsel?
228. Considering the RFS Commissioner signed a statement “Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2014” which included the following words at section (b) The financial statements exhibit a true and fair view of the financial position & financial performance of the service for the year ended 30 June 2014: & (c) at the date of this statement there are no circumstances which would render any particulars included in the financial statement to be misleading or inaccurate.

- a) How is it that there was such a level of fraudulent activity taking place at this time and no one knew?
229. How do we know that the issues of fraud within the procurement section isn't wide spread as no one really knows what, where and when items are ordered, delivered and distributed? (i.e. RFS Aviation Unit, RFS Membership Services and Operations)
- a) Are all invoices checked for actual allocation and use of helicopters;
  - b) Are job numbers specific for a task or are they 'open ended' for the duration of the event;
  - c) Are Helicopters used for joy flights or chauffeuring around staff between Fire Control Centres at the beck and call of Incident Controllers and Air Base Managers under the guise of firefighting operations;
  - d) How much money has been spent on SAP (whole of government software package) and has this money delivered value for money for the NSW government;
  - e) Has there been any waste or program errors that have cost the government money;
  - f) Is it true the introduction of SAP created new jobs, more temporary staff and ongoing process of change that has not produce rewards for the government;
  - g) Apart from aviation in Operations, what value for money has the State Mitigation program provided the government; and
  - h) Is there any indication after 4-5 years that this program has reduced or mitigated fire in the community.

### **NSW State Emergency Service (SES) TARPS Values Program**

230. What was the cost of implementing the NSW State Emergency Service “TARPS” values program?
231. What was the cost of delivering the “TARPS UnCovered” program and “STRAIGHT TALK” seminars or webinars to staff and volunteers?
- a) What companies were contracted to implement and deliver this program to staff and volunteers?
    - i. Are there any NSW State Emergency Service members working in these companies?
    - ii. If so, how many are volunteers and how many are paid employees of the NSW State Emergency Service?
    - iii. Can the Minister guarantee that this did not influence the decision to contract the services of these companies?
  - b) Was there a tender process for this program?
  - c) If so:
    - i. How many participating organisations were invited to the tender process?
    - ii. How was the tender process advertised?
    - iii. On what basis were competing tender applications excluded?
  - d) Has the “STRAIGHT TALK” program been implemented by other emergency services?
    - i. If so, which emergency services?
    - ii. Was this part of a combined tender process for delivery across several services?

**Questions from Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition]**

**GPSC No : 6**

**Veteran Affairs**

**4 September**

**Ministerial Office Administration**

232. How many staff are in your ministerial office?
- a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2014-15?
  - b) What is the average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office based on current appointments?
233. How many blackberries/smart phones are assigned to your staff?
- a) For each phone, how much was each bill in the past financial year?
  - b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
    - i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
234. How many iPads or tablets does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
- a) What is the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your Ministerial Office?
  - b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage?
    - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?
235. Did any your or your ministerial staff incur data charges on a mobile phone or tablet device greater than \$1000 for a single billing period?
- a) If so, how many times did this occur?
    - i. What was the individual cost of each data charge over \$1000 for a single billing period?
236. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your office?
- a) What is the cost of this?
237. Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office?
- a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
238. What is the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals?
- a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
    - i. Who is the subscriber for each of these?
239. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office?
- a) What were the gifts purchased?
    - i. Who were they gifted to?

240. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?  
a) What is the cost of this?
241. Can you advise the names of all contractors/consultants employed and/or paid for by your office, under any agreement, contract or fee-for -service arrangement in 2014-15?  
a) Do they have ABN's?  
i. If so, please provide details?  
b) Details of paid or unpaid invoices and amounts?  
c) Details of services and fees provided by each contractor and or consultant?
242. Details of the agreement between your office and any contractors/consultants engaged by your office?

### **Ministerial And Office Travel**

243. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?  
a) If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?
244. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?  
a) What were the nature of these trips?  
b) Who paid for these trips?
245. What was the total bill for your office in 2014-15 for:  
a) Taxi hire  
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a) If yes, were any of these occasions in an UberX vehicle?
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a) What is the value of those reimbursements?
249. Have you used Airbnb?
250. Have you or anyone in your office used Airbnb as an accommodation solution whilst travelling on official business?
251. Have any planes or helicopters been chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money?  
a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?

252. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?  
a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

### **Labour Hire Firms**

253. Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms? If yes, please advise in table form:
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  - The total amount paid to each firm engaged
  - The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company
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### **Media And Public Relations**

254. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
255. What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
256. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
257. Have you had media training or speech training?  
a) If yes, who paid for it?  
b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount?

### **Consultants, Lobbyists And Former Parliamentarians**

258. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Chris Hartcher in the time since he has left the Parliament?  
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267. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the Department? If so what projects was Premier State consulted on?

- a) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
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  - i. And the cost of these services
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