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sir,

How can an enterprise which is privately run be considered by this govt? The sole purpose of privately run business is to make a profit, not provide a service, so to do this the business has to cut its costs where it can and that would surely mean in providing services to the inmates, safety and security of the guards and surrounding areas and cut cutting of basis essentials such as education, medical and programmes designed to make the inmates aware of the criminality of their acts.

as it stands now the department of corrective services have full accountability of their actions. would this be the same for privately run gaols?

Would having the gaols turned into privately run gaols help the community at all? what are the statistics in regards to advantages of a privately run system over a state govt controlled system?

if this govt is so keen to save tax dollars why is the upper management of corrective services so heavy with highly paid executives earning far in excess of 100,000 a year? why does the department feel the need to have so many assistant commissioner and deputy commission posts? when mr Woodham took up his postion as commissioner wasn't there just the one postion of deputy commissioner at that time?

why are the working officers always accussed of abusing the system and forcing the corrective service budget 40, 000,000 into the red? surely this is the fault of the persons in charge of the budget and not the persons working at the coal face so to speak? does the commisioner take No responsibility for his budget being so far over? the higher levels of corrective service management seems to thrive on the bully boy tactics and cronyism of the past. the corrective services services seem to me to have a lot of managers but very little in the way of leaders.