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**INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND  
PRISON-RELATED SERVICES**

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I have been a correctional officer for 6 years and don't understand how selling off prisons saves money considering the NSW taxpayer will still have to pay for building maintenance and any new centre to be . If they think the prison industries for example textiles, will allow the company's to make money, I think they should look at Junee CC. I do believe the taxpayer pays per head for every inmate at that centre. I do believe if the department was serious they would look at our upper management staffing levels and would realise we are top heavy and the frontline staffing hasn't changed much considering the increase of the inmate numbers and three new correctional centres opening with one only closing in the last 10 years (Maitland). If our prison systems were managed correctly with correct staff levels and flexibility in rostering, like when I request days off there is no guarantee I will get them off but I can't even swap with another officer who has the days I require, so they wonder why there is a high level of "sickies". I think our rostering system is still living in the seventies like how we find out our 28 day roster 7 days before its starts which makes planning family events difficult. So if they were serious they should look at the things I mentioned above and I do believe it would solve a lot of current problems. I have always enjoyed my job but I have to say I don't see myself making it a long term career anymore I don't care about overtime I just want my workmates and myself to be safe and have the job security that everybody deserves. What is happening at the moment is putting a lot of pressure on me, my colleagues and our families.

Regards

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