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**INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND
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Dear sir/Madam, I have been a loyal employee of corrective services for over 20 years the effects of losing my job to privatisation is having a traumatic effect on not only myself but also my family and friends. If this is all about overtime blowout one would have thought that the commissioner would have rectified this problem long before it came to the figure of some \$47 million dollars. I can tell you on a personal note that I have been pleaded to do overtime due to the staff shortages at my location much against my wishes but I have done it to help out my colleagues and the department. When the now Premier came into office he stated in a newspaper article that he was looking at the Public Sector but was not going to touch the workers on the coalface but looking at the top end, well perhaps he should start with Corrective Services as it is so top heavy with non operational executive staff it is ridiculous. These are the people who are on massive salary packages. I have also heard the statement that it is cheaper to utilise someone on overtime rather than have the proper staffing levels at certain locations but to my mind and observations if you staffed a location properly in the first place you wouldn't have an overtime blowout. It is a shame that some Corporate company wants to make a profit for its share holders at the expense of someone else's misery or misfortune such as the prisoners held in custody. We in Corrective Services have a high level of expertise and duty of care to the inmates and the community and we are accountable for everything that we do, I fear that with privatisation the same level will not be met. Finally, I am a full time professional officer and I do not want to be replaced by part-time amateurs.