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**INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND  
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It is a matter of grave concern that the prison system should be run privately. We have only to look at the chaos in hospitals with poor cleaning and poor catering services - let alone the free for all attendance of poorly prepared agency staff upon patients. Prisoners need people with appropriate training in rehabilitation, who understand the many issues which arise when a person is separated from their family - whatever the crime, bear in mind that once in uniform a person who is not properly screened can turn into a miniature SS Guard themselves. Do we want that? Do we not want prisons which are run in an accountable, cost effective way. I understand at present it would cost the same to lodge our prisoners in a top four star hotel. Prison certainly is not that, nor should it be - but if the Government relinquishes its powers to oversee and inspect, by seeking profit via the sell off, who knows what could occur, how many false demands for overtime, how many extra staff may have to be brought in to quell a riot? Please do not do this thing.