

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

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I wish to voice my objection to the sell of of our jails, to private industry. As an employee of a private company who are in competition with the public sector, I have first had experience in how private industry will resource on a knives edge, keeping staff under constant pressure to perform and risking the health and safety of staff and customers all in the so called name of efficiency and all to maximise profit. Is that a risk we really want to take with our jails. How long will it take before a inmate is allowed to escape, because of inappropriate staffing numbers or training that is not being properly, or worse still a guard is injured or killed for one of these reasons.

It's just not worth the risk.

The government must not privatise our jails.