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I would like to answer one point that the Commissioner has raised and that is the financial benefit to the local community. Sure the privateers may buy a car from a local trader or a bit of fruit and vegetable but on the other side of the coin will the private sector agree not to undercut local small business when it comes to using cheap inmate labour as a tool to secure contracts, the result will be that any local business will not be able to compete. So in the case of Parklea and the surrounding industrial areas any one who owns or is employed in the metal print or cabinet industries might as well close their doors now because they will never win a contract against opposition who pay their staff fifty dollars a week. In this present time when we are facing world recession do we really need to put more jobs at risk I think not.

Thank you,
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