

ATTACHMENT: QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND FURTHER INFORMATION AGREED TO BE SUPPLIED AT THE HEARINGS

Hon Gayle Tierney MLC

CORRECTIONS PORTFOLIO

1. In relation to a department commissioned report following claims of alleged corrupt conduct and impropriety by a senior Corrections Victoria employee at Beechworth prison:
 - a. What were the findings of the report?
 - b. What actions were undertaken by Corrections Victoria in response to the report findings?

(Asked by Mr Morris, page 5 of the Corrections portfolio transcript)

Response:

The Department of Justice and Regulation has consulted with the Victorian Ombudsman regarding this matter. The Ombudsman has authorised the Department to advise the following:

- On 14 May 2018, the Victorian Ombudsman provided the Secretary, Department of Justice and Regulation, and the Minister for Corrections with a copy of her report entitled *Investigation into allegations of improper conduct by officers at the Beechworth Correctional Centre*
- the Report relates to complaints made under the *Protected Disclosure Act 2012*
- the investigation did not make any findings of improper conduct
- however, to address concerns with respect to incident reporting, the Report made six recommendations, which the Department of Justice and Regulation has accepted in full, and will acquit by 30 July 2018

2. Please provide:
 - a. the number of female prisoners that are forecast to be on remand on
 - i. 30th June 2018
 - ii. 30th June 2019
 - b. the number of male prisoners that are forecast to be on remand on
 - i. 30th June 2018
 - ii. 30th June 2019

(Asked by Mr Smith, page 10 of the Corrections portfolio transcript)

Response:

2(a)

Only total projections for the female prisoner population are available; separate remand and sentenced prisoner projections are not produced for women. Based on the most recent projections, it was anticipated that there would be:

- (i) 513 female prisoners at 30 June 2018
- (ii) 690 female prisoners at 30 June 2019.

As at 17 May 2018, when the question was asked, the total female prisoner population was 538, 25 above the projected numbers for 30 June 2018, with 248 (46 per cent) of these women on remand.

2(b)

Based on the most recent projections, it was anticipated that there would be:

- (i) 2559 male prisoners on remand by 30 June 2018
- (ii) 3038 male prisoners on remand by 30 June 2019.