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Dear Ms Fitzherbert,

Inquiry into Youth Justice Centres in Victoria

Victoria Police response to Questions on Notice from Public Hearing 19 April 2017

I confirm that at the Public Hearing for the Inquiry into Youth Justice Centres in Victoria held on 12 April 2017, the Victoria Police witnesses, Deputy Commissioner Andrew Crisp and Assistant Commissioner Stephen Leane, took five Questions on Notice from the Committee.

The following are the questions on notice issued by the Committee:

1. Why was the Minister not informed or when was she first informed about the escape at Malmsbury on 25 January? (Transcript page 46)
2. Statistics for the Children's Court pre-plea diversion program? (Transcript page 51)
3. The cost of the Youth Justice issues that Police have to attend? (Transcript page 52)
4. Data on the number of charges that have been brought against the people at the Malmsbury, Parkville and Greenvale facilities as a result of alleged criminal conduct from within the facilities? (Transcript Page 53)
5. Data relating to cautions, warnings and diversions and whether this is broken down by non-Indigenous and Indigenous? (Transcript page 54)

The Victoria Police response to these questions is as follows:

Caveats:

- Financial data has been sourced from internal data held by Victoria Police:
 - Financial data presented in this report only includes instances at Youth Justice Centres where an event code was created to track expenditure.
 - There may have been unplanned police call outs that occurred during the reporting periods quoted that were not captured using an event code e.g. for minor unplanned events.

- Statistical data presented relating to questions on notice 4 and 5 has been sourced from the Crime Statistics Agency (CSA). In order to maintain confidentiality, sensitive offence counts with a value of 3 or less are displayed as " ≤ 3 " and are given a value of 2 to calculate totals. Data extracted from LEAP is subject to change.
- Where Victoria Police does not have custody of the relevant data to respond, referral to the appropriate agency has been provided.

Question 1:

Why was the Minister not informed or when was she first informed about the escape at Malmsbury on 25 January? (Transcript page 46)

Victoria Police response to question 1:

At 2:45 pm on 25 January 2017, Chief Commissioner Ashton was advised by telephone by Deputy Commissioner Crisp of the breakout from Malmsbury. Following the telephone call, Chief Commissioner Ashton telephoned Minister Neville to advise her of this incident.

As well, Acting Superintendent Dale Huntington spoke with Mr David Griffith, Chief of Staff to the Minister for Police on 25 January 2017 at 2:46 pm for 15 minutes, and provided a number of verbal updates following.

Further to these verbal briefings, Acting Superintendent Huntington provided a written briefing to Mr Griffith at 4:13 pm on 25 January 2017.

Question 2:

Statistics for the Children's Court pre-plea diversion program? (Transcript page 51)

Victoria Police response to question 2:

Victoria Police does not hold data on the Children's Court pre-plea diversion program.

Court Services Victoria (CSV) is the appropriate agency to provide statistics on the Children's Court pre-plea diversion program as they are responsible for managing all court statistics for Victoria.

Question 3:

The cost of the Youth Justice issues that Police have to attend? (Transcript page 52)

Victoria Police response to question 3:

Victoria Police has captured direct costs recorded against an event code for incidents relating to Malmsbury and Parkville detention centres in the 2016-17 financial year. These costs, relating to police and VPS (salaries, overtime, allowances, availability and personal expenses), were incurred by Western Region, North West Metro Region and Transit & Public Safety Command, with total costs incurred of \$310,428.97. Please also note that Victoria Police has a daily ongoing involvement in youth justice issues and responds to incidents for which no event code is created. Accordingly, these activities have not been costed.

Figure 1

Total Victoria Police Youth Justice Centre Expenditure										
Region/Department/Command	Sworn Salary	Sworn Overtime	Commuted O/T	Availability	Recall To Duty	VPS Salary	VPS O/T	P/Exps	Other	Total
Total 2016-2017	\$ 116,463.32	\$ 110,523.31	\$ 520.56	\$ 1,758.76	\$ 879.98	\$ -	\$ 6,362.50	\$ 8,667.85	\$ 65,252.69	\$ 310,428.97
Malmesbury Youth Detention Centre										
Region/Department/Command	Sworn Salary	Sworn Overtime	Commuted O/T	Availability	Recall To Duty	VPS Salary	VPS O/T	P/Exps	Other	Total
Western Region (2016-2017)	\$ 2,730.10	\$ 58,707.62	\$ 520.56	\$ 1,758.76	\$ 496.11	\$ -	\$ 6,362.50	\$ 4,715.77	\$ 3,223.69	\$ 78,515.11
NWM088 Parkville Youth Justice Centre Siege										
Region/Department/Command	Sworn Salary	Sworn Overtime	Commuted O/T	Availability	Recall To Duty	VPS Salary	VPS O/T	P/Exps	Other	Total
NWM Region (2016-2017)	\$ 724.22	\$ 2,995.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 383.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 602.08	\$ -	\$ 4,705.86
Malmesbury Youth Detention Centre And Parkville Youth Detention Centre										
Region/Department/Command	Sworn Salary	Sworn Overtime	Commuted O/T	Availability	Recall To Duty	VPS Salary	VPS O/T	P/Exps	Other	Total
Transit and Public Safety (2016-2017)	\$ 113,009.00	\$ 48,820.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 62,029.00	\$ 227,208.00

Question 4:

Data on the number of charges that have been brought against the people at the Malmesbury, Parkville and Grevillea facilities as a result of alleged criminal conduct from within the facilities? (Transcript Page 53)

Victoria Police response to question 4:

The Crime Statistics Agency (CSA) is responsible for processing, analysing and publishing Victorian Crime Statistics, independent of Victoria Police.

Victoria Police made enquiries with the CSA in relation to QON 4, and the CSA has provided the following table in response. Due to reference periods for which the CSA can provide statistics, no offences were recorded in the Grevillea Unit (Barwon Prison) for the reporting period 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2017.¹ Data for the reporting periods set out in the table may change when data next becomes available from the CSA.

Any additional enquiries regarding data can be made to the Crime Statistics Agency.

Data extracted from LEAP on 18th April 2017 and is subject to change

Table 1. Offences recorded at Youth Justice Centre locations, by investigation status - July 2013 to March 2017

Location	Output Investigation Status	Jul 2013 - Jun 2014	Jul 2014 - Jun 2015	Jul 2015 - Jun 2016	Jul 2016 - Mar 2017
Parkville Youth Justice Centre	1 Arrest & 2 Summons	14	61	58	153
	5 Other	10	5	28	7
	6 Intent to summons	0	3	11	18
	7 Unsolved	4	7	4	22
	Grand Total	28	76	101	200
Malmesbury Youth Justice Centre	1 Arrest & 2 Summons	53	91	108	178
	5 Other	49	19	30	101
	6 Intent to summons	3	8	20	15
	7 Unsolved	1	4	3	25
	Grand Total	106	122	161	319
Grevillea Unit (Barwon Prison)	1 Arrest & 2 Summons	0	0	0	0
	5 Other	0	0	0	0
	6 Intent to summons	0	0	0	0
	7 Unsolved	0	0	0	0
	Grand Total	0	0	0	0

¹ Refer to the Crime Statistics Agency for further information on Reference periods available at <https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/about-the-data/explanatory-notes>

Question 5:

Data relating to cautions, warnings and diversions and whether this is broken down by non-Indigenous and Indigenous? (Transcript page 54)

Victoria Police response to question 5:

Victoria Police made enquiries with the CSA in relation to QON 5, and the CSA has provided the following table in response. The CSA have advised they do not hold data in relation to outcomes recorded as Diversions. Any additional enquiries regarding data can be made to the Crime Statistics Agency.

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Table 2. Alleged offender incidents aged 10-17, by Indigenous status and outcome - July 2013 to March 2017

CSA Output IS	Output Outcome	Jul 2013 - Jun 2014	Jul 2014 - Jun 2015	Jul 2015 - Jun 2016	Jul 2016 - Mar 2017
1 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	Caution/Warning	287	218	232	211
	All other outcomes ¹	1,432	1,802	1,833	1,458
	Total	1,719	2,020	2,065	1,669
2 Non-Indigenous	Caution/Warning	3,659	3,159	2,734	2,052
	All other outcomes ¹	10,393	10,508	10,830	8,578
	Total	14,052	13,667	13,564	10,630
3 Unknown	Caution/Warning	923	933	933	888
	All other outcomes ¹	1,963	2,631	3,410	2,957
	Total	2,886	3,564	4,343	3,845
Total Persons	Caution/Warning	4,869	4,310	3,899	3,151
	All other outcomes ¹	13,788	14,941	16,073	12,993
	Total	18,657	19,251	19,972	16,144

¹ Includes Arrest, Summons, Intent to Summons and Other outcomes.

Note: Data is not recorded on LEAP where an offender received an outcome of a Diversion.

I trust this information assists the deliberations of the Committee. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Carol Orfanos on [REDACTED] if you have any questions or require any further information.

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Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner Andrew Crisp
Regional Operations

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Explanatory Notes:

In order to maintain confidentiality, sensitive offence counts with a value of 3 or less are displayed as " ≤ 3 " and are given a value of 2 to calculate totals. Recorded crime statistics are based on data extracted by Victoria police on the 18th day after the reference period, and are subject to movement between releases. For more information about how statistics are compiled, refer to the Explanatory notes on the CSA website.

Offences presented in the data tables are grouped according to the CSA offence classification. For more information about the types of offences included in each category, refer to the classification on the CSA website.

When reporting CSA data you must attribute the Crime Statistics Agency (or CSA) as the source.

If you wish to obtain a quote or comment in relation to crime statistics from the CSA or Chief Statistician, please phone 03 8684 1808 or email info@crimestatistics.vic.gov.au.

For information or comments regarding Victoria Police operations or initiatives, please contact the Victoria Police media unit on 03 9247 5205 or via policemedi@police.vic.gov.au. For media enquiries relating to the Department of Justice & Regulation, please call 03 8684 0313.

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