

FURTHER INFORMATION

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

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Question: Mr J.M. Francis agreed to provide, by supplementary information to the member for Warnbro, a baseline estimate on what it costs to accept a prisoner into prison; an outline of additional costs on a case-by-case basis that would make that initial cost of accepting a prisoner more expensive; and also a breakdown on that prison by prison across the state.

Answer: Each person received into a prison undergoes a risk assessment, placement and orientation with specialist staff. In 2013-14, the total cost of reception based assessment and placement was \$4.74 million.

In the 2013-14 period, there were 8,048 prisoner receptions into Western Australian prisons. Based on the reception costs identified above, the average cost to receive a prisoner into prison was \$589.

Additional costs may also be incurred on a case by case basis for items such as medical assessments, or transport relating to court appearances.

Financial data is not currently structured in a way that facilitates a cost breakdown by prison. This will be addressed when new financial systems are introduced in 2016.