

Division 65: Corrective Services —

[Supplementary Information No B4.]

Question: Mr F.M. Logan asked: As at 29 May 2012, what is the number of prisoners across all five new units at Casuarina, Hakea and Albany?

Answer: The Department of Corrective Services' (the Department's) databases cannot provide retrospective reports in relation to the numbers of prisoners housed in specific units on a particular day.

In order to respond to this question, figures have been taken as at 1 June 2012. Therefore the population of the new units as at 1 June 2012 was as follows:

- Casuarina Unit 13 - 95 prisoners
- Casuarina Unit 14 - 94 prisoners
- Hakea Unit 11 - 96 prisoners
- Hakea Unit 12 - 0 prisoners (fill subject to resolution of Western Australian Prison Officers' Union dispute. Anticipated resolution by end of July 2012).
- Albany Unit 4 - 92 prisoners.

[Supplementary Information No B5.]

Question: Mr F.M. Logan asked: Who holds the relevant licence under the tobacco act that enables the Department of Corrective Services to sell tobacco to prisoners?

Answer: In 2007 the State Solicitors Office advised that the Department is not eligible to hold a licence under the Tobacco Products Control Act 2006 (the Act).

Furthermore, as the Act specifies that a licence may only be issued to an individual or a body corporate, the same legal opinion indicated that the Department was merely an administrative division of the State Government and was not considered a body corporate.

Based on this interpretation, the sale of tobacco products in WA prisons have been made under the authority of the retailer's licence held by the retailer from which the tobacco products are purchased.

Recent discussions with the Department of Health (DoH) have indicated that legal advice sought by them states that State Government Departments would be considered bodies corporate under the legislation.

Therefore, in lieu of differing legal opinions, both the Department and the DoH are currently undergoing consultation in order to establish a formal solution.

[Supplementary Information No B6.]

Question: Mr F.M. Logan asked: On what exactly will the sum of \$6.7 million be spent in 2012–13, as identified on page 785 of the *Budget Statements*, and where is the line item found?

Answer: The \$6.7 million referred to in the Asset Investment Program (page 785) for 2012-13 relates to two projects under Works in Progress, page 786.

The two projects are:

- Adult Custodial
Building Infrastructure and Maintenance – Adult Custodial \$2.513.
- Prison Services
Additional Prisoner Accommodation – Infrastructure and Systems Upgrade and Replacement Programs \$4.185 million.

Across the Adult Custodial system the most urgent maintenance, upgrades and replacement have been prioritised to utilise this funding in 2012-13.

The most significant items of expenditure programmed to date are listed below:

Site	Project	Project Budget
All Sites	Replace Commercial and Industrial Equipment	400,000
Broome	Tropical Roofs (Health, Maxi, Education)	1,000,000
Casuarina	New Canteen	530,000
Casuarina	Replacement of Fire Ring Main	750,000

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Greenough	Roof replacement program	700,000
Hakea	New multipurpose facility (canteen, programs)	1,000,000
Hakea	New Library, PCS and Legal Library	1,000,000
All Sites	Mobile plant and Equipment Upgrade	800,000
	Other Expenditure Including Items Below \$50,000	518,000
Total		6,698,000

[Supplementary Information No B7.]

Question: Mr F.M. Logan asked: Can the minister provide clarification about the differences in employee benefits on page 788 of the *Budget Statements* in the years from 2012–13, as the budget estimates, through to 2015–16 in the forward estimates?

Answer: The changes in Employee Benefits over 2012-13 and the forward estimates is consistent with the changes in Total Cost of Services over the same period. For instance, while Employee Benefits increases by \$2.2 million between 2012-13 and 2013-14, the Total Cost of Services over the same period increases by \$4.9m. In percentage terms this is a 0.5% and 0.6% increase respectively, well below standard escalation.

The driving factors for this are contained in the table below and relate to special items of recurrent funding. These items reconcile to the Income from State Government also on page 788 of the Budget Papers.

The Custodial Infrastructure Fund is funding for a variety of new facilities or capacity increases to existing facilities. These include a new Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison (350 beds) and an increase to the existing Acacia Prison (387 beds). Recurrent costs including employee benefits are included as Other appropriations under Income from State Government.

Increases for RiskCover Insurance premiums are detailed on page 781 under Major Spending Changes. These increases were approved for 2011-12 and 2012-13 only.

Royalties for Regions includes a number of initiatives impacting on employee benefits and specific detail of these is provided in response to question B8.

See Attachment 1. [Below.]

Attachment 1

Funding for Specific Projects	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Detailed In	Page
			\$'000's				
Custodial Infrastructure Recurrent Funding	4,208	10,022	9,555	53,169	93,847	Other Appropriations	788
RiskCover Insurance	11220	9,664	-	-	-	Major Spending Changes	781
Royalties For Regions	13,723	16,463	17,668	25,839	32,534	Royalties for Regions	788 Refer B 8 for detail
TOTAL - All	29,151	36,149	27,223	79,008	126,381		

[Supplementary Information No B8.]

Question: Mr F.M. Logan asked: What projects relate to the royalties for regions funding set out at note (d) on page 788, and what is the term of those funds as they are anticipated to be expended?

Answer:

See Attachment 2 for breakdown of Regional Infrastructure and Headworks Fund and the Regional Community Services Fund.

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Royalties for Regions Funding Table

Recurrent Funds	Project	TOTAL	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
\$'000'S								
1	Regional Workcamp Enhancement Program	10,200		0	2,400	2,400	5,400	
2	Community Safety Network	528		126	130	134	138	
Regional Infrastructure & Headworks - Subtotal		10,728	0	126	2,530	2,534	5,538	0
3	District Allowances	27,996	2,406	4,750	4,932	5,134	5,301	5,473
4	Regional Community Service Fund	72,795	2,886	8,847	9,001	10,000	15,000	27,061
Regional Community Service Fund - Subtotal		100,791	5,292	13,597	13,933	15,134	20,301	32,534
		111,519	5,292	13,723	16,463	17,668	25,839	32,534

Regional Work Camp Enhancement Program

Funding was approved last financial year for new work camps at Roebourne and Gnowangerup – refer to Major Spending Changes Table (page 796, 2011-12 Budget Papers). The recurrent funding is for a 30 bed work camp adjacent to Roebourne Regional Prison.

Planning and documentation for Roebourne is being progressed with a practical completion date currently during 2013. The new work camp at Gnowangerup is included in the forward estimates, however the proposal for Gnowangerup is progressing and requires advice on land ownership issues with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council.

It is anticipated that the South West native title settlement and subsequent land transfer matters are unlikely to be concluded before January 2013.

Community Safety Network (CSN)

The CSN is the replacement and upgrade of the Police Regional Radio Network with a fit for purpose reliable digital regional radio communications network that will improve efficiency and allow shared use of the communications infrastructure by specified agencies including the Department of Corrective Services. The recurrent funding is specifically set aside for replacement of site equipment for the CSN within Corrective Services.

District Allowances

Ongoing funding provided across Government for increases to District Allowances for regional workers.

Regional Youth Justice Services – Expansion

The Department received an initial allocation of \$43.86 million, in Royalties for Regions funding over 2010/11 to 2013/14 for the expansion of Regional Youth Justice Services (RYJS) to the West Kimberley, East Kimberley and Pilbara regions – refer to Major Spending Changes Table (page 681, 2010-11 Budget Papers).

RYJS provides an emphasis on prevention and diversion services for young people in these regions.

RYJS in the West Kimberley commenced in January 2011 with services being provided at Broome, Derby and Fitzroy Crossing; in the East Kimberley in April 2011 with services being provided at Kununurra, Wyndham and Halls Creek; and in the Pilbara in July 2011 with services provided at South Hedland, Roebourne, Karratha and Newman.

The services provided are addressing four priority needs: divert young people who offend away from the criminal justice system; reduce the financial costs of youth crime; improve life opportunities for Aboriginal young people; and reduce the numbers of young people in remote areas being transported to the metropolitan area and separated from their families and communities.

[Supplementary Information No B9.]

Question: Mr F.M. Logan asked: For additional information, please clarify the increased figures on page 781 of the Budget Statements for court and custodial services over the forward estimates and why it is a major spending change?

Answer: The new Court Security & Custodial Services contract commenced on 31 July 2011.

Additional funding was approved in line with the Major Spending Changes Table on page 781. The new contract includes 40 additional staff. Whereas the previous contract had 271 operational staff, the new contract has 311 operational staff.

The new contract provides for the transfer of risk to the contractor. In particular the contractor has undertaken:

- Responsibility for the ongoing management, servicing and regular replacement of the secure vehicle fleet.
- Weekly air charter from Perth to Broome via Geraldton and Roebourne.
- Weekly coach charters to Kalgoorlie and Albany.
- Greater price certainty for demand variability.

The previous contract was Cost Plus, whilst the new contract is Fixed Price based on volume ranges. The new contract therefore allows for some growth in demand without the price increasing.

Certificate III in Correctional Practice is now a requirement for all operational staff under the new contract to deliver a better quality service and Certificate IV in Correctional Practice for all supervisory staff.

The new contract has also delivered a change in service requirements. The requirement is now to provide a 100% delivery of interprison, medical and adhoc escort services.

The new contract includes an abatement regime, applied if the Contractor fails to deliver a service.

Regional Police Lockups must be cleared within 24 hours under new contract.

There is a greater use of air transport for regional movements under the new contract.

The new contract will also deliver the development of an electronic prisoner escort recording system (SERS) integrated with the Department's Total Offender Management System (TOMS).