

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Question No: 1

Portfolio: Corrections

Witness: Hon Enver Erdogan MLC, Minister for Corrections

Committee Member: Mr Danny O'Brien, Member for Gippsland

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Question: How many men were able to undertake the MBCP last year, and how many will undertake it next year?

Reply:

In 2022-23, 134 MBCP placements were used. In the first half of 2023-24, 91 MBCP placements were used.

The funding available for MBCP placements has not changed between 2023-24 and 2024-25. The number of participants is dependent on the prisoner cohort and clinical assessments of appropriate rehabilitation interventions.

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing also funds placements for community members to access MBCP. The above data only reflects DJCS-funded placements, which is a subset of overall MBCP participation in Victoria.



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Question No: 2

Portfolio: Corrections

Witness: Larissa Strong, Commissioner, Corrections Victoria

Committee Member: Mr Danny O'Brien, Member for Gippsland

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Question: How many prison officers have been trained at Western Plains Correctional Centre in the last 3 years and how many this year?

Reply:

Since November 2022, Corrections Victoria has recorded 6,449 staff training attendances at Western Plains Correctional Facility.



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Question No: 3

Portfolio: Corrections

Witness: Larissa Strong, Commissioner, Corrections Victoria

Committee Member: Mr Danny O'Brien, Member for Gippsland

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Question: Is it true that there were no operational procedures in place at Western Plains Correctional Centre when prisoners were transferred from Langi Kal Kal Prison during fires?

Reply:

No.

Operations of Western Plains Correctional Centre are authorised by General Manager's Instructions, which were developed and endorsed in advance of prisoners being received from Langi Kal Kal Prison.

In addition, 31 Local Operating Procedures were published prior to receiving the prisoners from Langi Kal Kal Prison and the location operated under the Commissioner's Requirements and Deputy Commissioner's Instructions.



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Question No: 4

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Witness: Hon Enver Erdogan MLC, Minister for Corrections

Committee Member: Mr Avi Puglielli, Member for North-East Metropolitan

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Question: Which, if any, of the recommendations of the CAPI report have been acquitted by this budget?

Reply:

Corrections Victoria delivers a wide range of programs and services aimed at reducing the impact of parental incarceration on children, including from base funding.

The 2024-25 Budget also provides funding for a number of programs and services that meet the intent of the Inquiry's recommendations.

The 2024-25 Budget allocates \$1.3 million over two years for Family Engagement Workers at women's prisons. This service allows women in prison to gain parenting and relationship skills.

A further \$7.1 million has been provided for programs that support families and address family violence, such as the Tuning into Respectful Relationships program, the Living Free From Violence program, the Women's Housing Program as well as Inside Access and Djirra's Prison Support Program.



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Question No: 6

Portfolio: Corrections

Witness: Larissa Strong, Commissioner, Corrections Victoria

Committee Member: Nick McGOWAN

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Question: Can you tell me how many times you had to lockdown due to staff shortages in Victoria for each prison?

Reply:

Corrections facilities make decisions about daily operations to maintain the safety of staff and people in custody, as well as maintain the security of the facility. These decisions are based on a range of factors, including staffing levels.

Between 1 July 2023 and 31 March 2024, there were three occasions where a facility was locked down for the day for safety and security reasons related to staffing levels.



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