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Mr Patrick O'Brien
Secretary
Legal and Social Issues Committee
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Dear Mr O'Brien

Inquiry into Youth Justice Centres in Victoria

I refer to your correspondence dated 18 August 2017 regarding the Committee's follow up questions in relation to the sally port door at Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre, with particular reference to 25 January 2017.

A maintenance report was raised on 25 January 2017 after staff reported that the door was opening part way and then stopping. A technician attended at 12.30 pm and reported that the door was in correct working condition. The technician's report is attached for your information as requested. The sally port door was in working order at the time of the escape.

The young people effecting their escape were able lever out the door with the use of the implements, such as table legs, they had sourced from the centre. The door was not lifted from its guide rails but was pushed outwards. The sally port door was replaced with a strengthened door later that day.

I trust this response addresses the issues raised in your correspondence. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

Jodi Henderson
Executive Director, Youth Justice Operations

Date:

28/8/2017.