

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(228) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig asked:

How many inquiries has the Commonwealth instigated, be they internal or external, into the performance of GSL or into the operation of its contract with GSL?

- a. What is the estimated cost of those inquiries?
- b. Have any reports or recommendations arisen from those inquiries?
 - i. If so, could the Department please provide them to the committee?

Answer:

The Department can provide an answer with respect to those inquiries initiated by the Department.

The Department has initiated 12 inquiries into the performance of GSL or into the operation of the contract with GSL from the start of the 2nd Detention Service Contract on 1 Dec 2003 to the end of August 2006.

- a. These inquiries are estimated to have cost \$516,000.
- b. One (1) inquiry into mental health has yet to be finalised and so is not available. Eleven (11) of the inquiries have generated reports. These are:
 - i. Four (4) inquiries that have generated publicly releasable versions of their reports (resulting in five (5) reports), that take into account particular sensitivities involving identified individuals or other commercially sensitive material:
 - The Roche Report: Review of the Detention Services Contract, December 2005 (ref No. 1);
 - Knowledge Consulting: Report into the Investigation Concerning the Allegation of Mistreatment of Five Detainees, June 2005 (the findings and recommendations of the report are provided in a version from which all names have been removed) (ref report No. 2);
 - Knowledge Consulting: Investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and availability of illicit drugs Part A (ref report No. 3) and Parts B and C (ref report No. 4); and
 - Knowledge Consulting: Audit of Food at Baxter IDF (ref report No. 5), released under FOI in September 2005.

These reports are provided with this answer.

One (1) of the reports was an investigation into the November 2005 fires at Baxter IDF. Please note that prosecutions arising from this incident are

currently due for trial in April 2007, and this may further limit the release of material in this report.

Six (6) other reports that have not been released previously are currently being reviewed to ensure that sensitivities regarding identified individuals or commercially or legally sensitive materials are taken into account. These are:

- three (3) reviews of food and catering at the various detention centres
- three (3) reports / reviews of health and mental health services

These reports will be provided when versions that take into account sensitivities regarding identified individuals or commercially or legally sensitive materials are finalised.