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Dear Chair

Clarification of evidence/transcript for Budget Estimates hearing

I write to clarify evidence I provided in relation to the number of adults and young people in custody at the Budget Estimates hearing for Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Justice and Communities, on Wednesday 4 September 2024.

Number of adults and young people in custody

1. Page 17 of the transcript currently reads as:

MICHAEL TIDBALL: As of this morning there are 13,009 adult prisoners in the NSW Correction system and 56% are sentenced prisoners and 43% are held on remand.

This should be amended to:

*MICHAEL TIDBALL: As of this morning there are **13,088** adult prisoners in the NSW Correction system and 56% are sentenced prisoners and 43% are held on remand.*

2. Page 22 of the transcript currently reads as:

MICHAEL TIDBALL: Clearly, if you have 231,000 as compared with an adult population of 13,000, this figure is highly sensitive to movements in percentage terms.

This should be amended to:

*MICHAEL TIDBALL: Clearly, if you have **231** as compared with an adult population of **13,088**, this figure is highly sensitive to movements in percentage terms.*

3. Page 61 of the transcript currently reads as:

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: With the remand, you provided evidence earlier that there were 13,009 people on remand.

MICHAEL TIDBALL: Correct, yes.

This should be amended to:

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: With the remand, you provided evidence earlier that there were 13,009 people on remand.

MICHAEL TIDBALL: I would like to clarify that 13,088 is the adult prisoner population in the NSW Correctional system (sentenced and remand) as at 1 September 2024.

4. Page 61 of the transcript currently reads as:

MICHAEL TIDBALL: Of the total 13,009, I've indicated 56 per cent are sentenced and 43 per cent are on remand. Of that total cohort of the population of 13,009, approximately 31.5 per cent are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

This should be amended to:

*MICHAEL TIDBALL: Of the total **13,088**, I've indicated 56 per cent are sentenced and 43 per cent are on remand. Of that total cohort of the population of **13,088**, approximately 31.5 per cent are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.*

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary