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The Hon. Robert Borsak MLC
Acting Chair
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
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Dear Acting Chair

It has come to my attention that two of the answers provided to the General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 (Committee) during the Budget Estimates 2013-2014 hearing on 14 August 2013 may be better understood through the provision of additional information.

The Commissioner of Corrective Services provided an answer to a question from the Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC regarding any reduction in supervising positions following the merger of Community Offender Services (COS) and the Community Compliance and Monitoring Group (CCMG).

The Commissioner's response to this question was that the merger of the CCMG with COS to create the Community Corrections Division resulted in the net reduction of 200 positions. The figure of 200 is not reflective of the change in the number of positions directly supervising offenders on community-based orders and it is this part of his response that I wish to clarify.

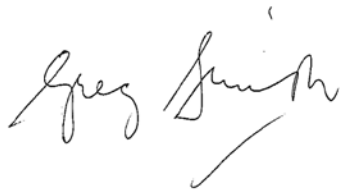
The number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions involved in the direct supervision of offenders on community-based orders prior to the merger of the CCMG with COS was 766.3 positions. The number of FTE positions responsible for the direct supervision of offenders subsequent to merger was 674.3 positions. The difference therefore is 92 FTE positions.

The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC also requested information regarding the number of applications that have been made for continuing detention orders.

My response indicated that an application had recently been made for a continuing detention order. While I initially approved an application being made for either an extended supervision order or a continuing detention order for a particular offender based on counsel's advice, it was subsequently determined that the application would be for an extended supervision order only.

It would be appreciated if this further information could be disseminated to the Committee and made publicly available.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Greg Smith