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Mr Jeremy Hanson CSC MLA  
Chair  
Select Committee on Estimates 2013-14  
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Dear Mr Hanson

I am writing in conjunction with the 20 June 2013 Estimate Hearings and specifically in relation to a question asked by Mr Smyth about tables in the Adult Mental Health Unit.

Mr Smyth asked Ms Bracher (Executive Director of Mental Health, Justice Health and Alcohol and Drug Services) about tables purchased for use in the facility (see page 73 of the Hansard record) which Ms Bracher confirmed to be the Adult Mental Health Unit.

Ms Bracher correctly advised:

*In the high-dependency area there is a custom-made timber dining table. That has had to be custom made so that it was of a strength and calibre that would be safe in that environment. Yes, it was an expensive table.*

For the sake of completeness, however I wish to inform the Committee that there are two such dining tables in the Adult Mental Health Unit, in each of the high-dependency and low dependency areas. There is also a custom made table in the foyer. These have been custom made so that they are of a strength and calibre that would be safe in that environment.

Yours sincerely

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