



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Ms Kikkert MLA :

Reference: Hearing on 22 November 2023, Inspector of Correctional Services Annual Report 2022-2023

In relation to: Parliamentary Privilege for Inspector Reports


Question Lodgement Date: 29/11/2023

During the hearing, an issue was raised about the application of parliamentary privilege to reports published by the Inspector for Correctional services. If parliamentary privilege is applied to these reports, what would be the impact on whether future reports by the Inspector are made public?

Inspector of Correctional Services: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

It is my understanding at present that whether parliamentary privilege attaches to reports tabled in the Legislative Assembly under s 30 of the *Inspector of Correctional Services Act 2017* (ICS Act) is unlikely to affect the public release of these reports. However, to be clear, I am not seeking to, nor would wish to, provide the Committee with legal advice or opinion, particularly in relation to matters concerning the conduct of the Legislative Assembly.

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Signature: 

Date: 30/11/2023

By the Inspector of Correctional Services