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The Hon Rosemary Armitage MLC
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Estimates B
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Dear Chair

I refer to your correspondence of 17 November requesting a response to the following questions and provide responses below.

Output Group 1 – Administration of Justice

Output Group 1.6 – Legal Assistance

- 1. Confirm commitment to provide more published details regarding the current allocations including amounts and timelines under the Solicitors' Guarantee Fund. (MW)***

Response:

I can confirm that details of the 2024 SGF funding round - including successful recipients, the purpose of each grant, the funding amounts, and the applicable funding periods - are publicly available on the Department of Justice website.

Output Group 1.8 – Elections and Referendums

- 1. Provide an updated corporate structure based on increase in staffing within the Tasmanian Electoral Commission. (MW)***

Response:

Please see the Tasmanian Electoral Commission's Organisational structure attached as Attachment 1.

Output Group 2 – Legal Services

Output Group 2.1– Crown Law

- 1. In relation to funding allocations for legal support services for future public infrastructure, please provide an annual breakdown since 2020 including this budget and its forward estimates of internal and outsourced contracts and the projects to which they are related. (MG)***

Response:

The Crown Law output is made up of three separate offices: the Office of the Crown Solicitor (OCS), the Office of the Solicitor-General and the State Litigation Office. The total operating budgets for the Office of the Crown Solicitor in recent years are:

2024-25 = \$5,962,746
 2023-24 = \$5,769,093
 2022-23 = \$5,383,403
 2021-22 = \$4,912,150
 2020-21 = \$3,937,751

OCS established a Panel for Legal Services for complex commercial matters in May 2024. Other outsourced legal services are procured consistent with Treasurer's Instructions. Any outsourced legal services are paid for by the instructing agency. The Office of the Crown Solicitor does not have full oversight of the total costs of outsourced commercial legal services but provides the following data from its records.

The following information is drawn from OCS' records for Panel administration and data gathered to inform establishment of the Panel. The following information is not limited to State construction projects. It extends to a range of commercial matters, including development projects (where a third party may develop infrastructure for the State's use) and ICT infrastructure (which is an increasing component of OCS' work). Not all matters undertaken resulted in a completed transaction.

2024/2025 **Total \$9,532,651.99**

Matters greater than \$250,000 in expenditure -

- Macquarie Point Precinct and Stadium
- TSS HR Information System Transformation
- Launceston Health Hub
- New Bridgewater Bridge
- Marinus Link
- Container Refund Scheme
- Tasmanian Green Hydrogen Hub
- Southern Emergency Airbase

2023/2024 No data is available for this year as this was the year in which the tender to establish the Panel was released.

2022/2023 **Total \$2,199,000.06**

Matters greater than \$250,000 in expenditure -

- New Launceston Private Hospital

2021/2022 **Total \$2,940,329.71**

Matters greater than \$250,000 in expenditure -

- DoH HR Information System Transformation
- New Bridgewater Bridge
- New Launceston Private Hospital
- New Electronic Gaming Monitoring System

2020/2021 **Total \$2,560,718.74**

Matters greater than \$250,000 in expenditure -

- New Bridgewater Bridge
- Redevelopment of Derwent Entertainment Centre
- Tasmanian Government Radio Network

2019/2020 Total \$2,795,426.64

Matters greater than \$250,000 in expenditure -

- Basslink Strategic Review
- Royal Hobart Hospital Redevelopment
- Tasmanian Government Radio Network

Matters with a total project life cost >\$1,000,000

- Macquarie Point Precinct and Stadium
- Marinus Link
- Royal Hobart Hospital Redevelopment
- New Bridgewater Bridge
- Tasmanian Government Radio Network

Output Group 3 – Corrections, Rehabilitation and Enforcement

Output Group 3.1– Prison Services

1. Please provide details of the amount and source (if under a specific funding stream) of funding in the 2024-2025 and 2025-26 financial periods for the following programs provided in the TPS: Family Violence Program, EQUIPS Foundation, Dialectic Behavioural Therapy Program, Making Changes Program, New Direction Sex Offender Treatment Program, Resilience Program, Respectful Men, and EQUIPS Aggression? (MW)

Response:

It is not possible to break the budget down against every individual program delivered by the Tasmania Prison Service.

The two tables below detail the funding source and allocation under specific funding streams.

The funding does not include staff on-costs, professional development or other staff-related expenses for 2025-26 and 2024-25.

In addition, the Tasmania Prison Service's funding for rehabilitation and reintegration programs is drawn from the TPS' budget allocation for permanent staff and specific budget line items for contract positions. The TPS' budget allocation funds permanent staff actively involved in the delivery and coordination of programs.

The TPS has also paid nominal sums for some program licensing in previous financial years, however, the funding for programs is expended on employing staff and contracting with community partner organisations.

Table 1 – 2025-26 funding for TPS programs

Funding source	Funding amount
Tasmanian State Budget 2025-26, <i>TPS Education, Rehabilitation and Support Services</i>	\$250,000
Tasmanian State Budget 2025-26, <i>Family Violence Intervention Programs</i>	Total funding of \$500,000, allocated to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TPS \$282,000 • Community Corrections \$218,000
Tasmanian State Budget 2025-26, <i>increased therapeutic staff</i>	\$250,000
Tasmanian State Budget 2025-26, <i>Reduce Re-offending Program</i>	\$496,000
Commonwealth Government, Innovative Perpetrator Response Program – Respectful Men	\$360,836
DoJ allocation: <i>The Salvation Army – Beyond the Wire Program</i>	\$321,348
DoJ allocation: <i>Tasmania Aboriginal Legal Services' Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer Program</i>	\$288,153
DoJ allocation: Brain Injury Awareness Tasmania, JustACE Program* only one quarterly payment made this year while TPS works with BIAT on new contract.	YTD \$275 664 (Budget \$1000 000)
HomeTas – Prisoner Rapid Re-housing Program	\$155,000
TOTAL	\$3,621,337

Table 2 – 2024-25 funding for TPS programs

Funding source	Funding amount
Tasmanian State Budget 2024-25, <i>Family Violence Intervention Programs</i>	Total funding of \$500,000, allocated to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TPS \$282,000 • Community Corrections \$218,000
Tasmanian State Budget 2024-25, <i>increased therapeutic staff</i>	\$500,000
Tasmanian State Budget 2024-25, <i>Reduce Re-offending Program</i>	\$496,000
Commonwealth Government, Innovative Perpetrator Response Program – Respectful Men	\$409,035
DoJ allocation: <i>The Salvation Army – Beyond the Wire Program</i>	\$321,348
DoJ allocation: <i>Tasmania Aboriginal Legal Services' Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer Program</i>	\$273,055
DoJ allocation: Brain Injury Awareness Tasmania, JustACE Program	\$1,000,000
HomeTas – Prisoner Rapid Re-housing Program	\$152, 755
TOTAL	\$3,652,193

Output Group 3.2– Community Corrective Services

1. In terms of the Key Deliverables listed, the Community Corrections - Managing High Risk Offenders is receiving \$1.38m this year and each year across the forward estimates. It is stated in the Budget that it is for operational funding to manage high risk offenders orders and case-manage and monitor dangerous criminals, and high-risk offenders post release including psychological assessments and secretariat services. Can you provide a breakdown of how those funds will be used across those elements? (MW)

Response:

The Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Scheme is a priority policy for the Tasmanian Government. Community Corrections is required to provide comprehensive advice to the High Risk Offenders (HRO) Assessment Committee established under the *Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Act 2021*, and to then manage those offenders in the community. My Department also provides secretariat services to the HRO Assessment Committee.

In the 2025-26 Budget, Community Corrections has been provided with ongoing operational funding of \$1.38 million per annum to manage the HRO orders and to case manage and monitor high risk offenders, pre- and post release.

High Risk Offenders are the highest risk offenders managed by Community Corrections who have significant and multifaceted needs that will require intensive case management and support across the life of the order. Additional Community Corrections Officers are required to manage these clients. The officers working with this cohort will supervise lower caseloads, more intensively. They will also receive additional training and ongoing support from specialist therapeutics officers to plan approaches to case management, ensuring a comprehensive risk mitigation approach is taken to community safety. The following table outlines how the Department will allocate this ongoing, operational funding.

Managing High Risk Offenders initiative	\$'000
Secretariat support to the HRO Committee	174
Pre-release psychological assessments	250
Increased staff (Probation Officers and Support Staff)	826
Other non-salary costs associated with case management including electronic monitoring, urinalysis testing, anti-libidinal medication, as required, and pre-release order activities.	130
Total Operational Funding	1,380

Output Group 5 – Justice Support Services**Output Group 5.4 – Safe at Home****1. Provide proportion of victim survivors within the Safe at Home program that utilise flexible support packages? (MW)****Response:**

1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025	
Number of victim-survivors recorded in the Safe at Home Information System (SIMS)	1013
Number of Flexible Support Packages (FSP) requested	177
Number of Keeping Women Safe In Their Homes (KWSITH) packages requested	248

Not all victim-survivors recorded in SIMS would have been eligible for FSP and some may have been assisted by other financial packages distributed by other state and national agencies.

Thank you for writing to me about these important matters, I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Attachments:

1. TEC Organisational Structure

