

Question on Notice
No. 559
Asked on 12 May 2021

MR D LAST ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the recommendations of the Sofronoff Review of Queensland Parole Laws and the Crime and Corruption Commission Report on Taskforce Flaxton for the appointment of an independent Inspectorate of Prisons—

Will the Minister advise why no such initiative has been implemented despite the government supporting the proposal?

ANSWER:

While the independent inspectorate will oversee operations of service areas within my portfolio, the establishment of this initiative is not within my portfolio responsibilities and I am therefore unable to comment on its establishment.

I can advise this government supports or supports in principle all 33 recommendations made in the Taskforce Flaxton report and strongly supported the inquiry since its commencement.

From 2019-20, this government has committed \$25.2 million over four years and \$5.4 million ongoing to implement the recommendations of the Taskforce Flaxton report.

Further, we committed \$111.4 million over five years (from 2018-19) to transition the last privately operated correctional facilities in Queensland into public hands in line with commentary from Taskforce Flaxton.

This government remains committed to publicly owned and operated correctional facilities.