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Dear Mr Pearce,

**Re: Managing Safety in Juvenile Justice Centres**

I refer to your correspondence of 15 January 2019 regarding the Union's response to our discussion paper "Managing Safety in Juvenile Justice Centres" provided to you on Friday 21 December 2018 for consideration.

As you are well aware, this matter has been long standing, whereby an intensive consultation process has taken place over the last two years. During this time, both the PSA and JJNSW have together participated in forums such as the Working Party, the Workshop held at YASMAR training facility in August 2018, the JCC's and the various meetings held at the metropolitan centres. JJNSW would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the contribution made by the PSA and its broader membership during this process.

Having considered all of the feedback provided, along with the Union's revised position, JJNSW will immediately:

- Deploy additional staff to the metro centres managing A1 detainees, pending the completion and implementation of a new high risk management strategy.
- Implement an immediate response team at the Cobham Juvenile Justice Centre.
- Commence a review of the incentive scheme, including increased sanctions and penalties for misbehaviour.

In addition to the above, JJNSW will look to develop a new high risk management strategy that will be implemented via a staged approach. The strategy will include:


- Scoping the need for a 6-10 bed Enhanced Support Unit that enables 'step up/step down' management of the small number of detainees who do not respond to normal risk management and controls (DRMPs).
- Refining a dispersal and management model which would see all detainees (including A1s) accommodated and managed across the six Juvenile Justice centres.

- Considering and developing criteria for the inclusion of terror-related detainees within this strategy.

The new strategy will be subject to a consultation group involving the JJ Advisory Committee, CSNSW the PSA and other relevant stakeholders and we would look to conduct the work required over the next 10 – 12 week period.

We see this as significant progress and I look forward to meeting with you on Tuesday 22 January 2019, to discuss the detail surrounding the proposal outlined above.

Yours faithfully



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