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To: Donald, Janet JAG:EX
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- Female adult prisoners are transferred (both on and off the island) by charter aircraft escorted by two sheriffs for the four-hour turnaround.
- Charter aircraft are necessary to meet logistical and security requirements.
- Currently, the annual cost to court services is approximately \$160,000 (salary and flight).

How many female adults are incarcerated on the mainland from the Island?

- (Cindy Rose checking)

What services are available to female inmates upon their release from custody? Reporter hears they are given nothing more than a bus ticket.

- We do pre-release planning with all of our inmates prior to leaving BC Corrections custody.
- The majority of female offenders make arrangements for transportation upon their release, which are discussed in the pre-release planning. If this is not the case, they are provided with fares or tickets to reach their destination through public transportation. In addition, they are able to utilize the services of W2W (Women 2 Women) who provide free transportation to their destination.
- In addition, we have specialized programs at Alouette Correctional Centre for Women (ACCW) for female offenders such as the Integrated Offender Management Program (IOM) and IOM HIP for the chronically homeless. These programs are designed to create an environment where custody and community staff work collaboratively with the offender to develop a comprehensive and integrated case plan. The case plan addresses the offender's criminogenic factors while in custody; during the reintegration period into the community; and while residing in the community. The goals of the partnership between custody and community are to:
 - Improve the reintegration of the offender into the community;
 - Reduce reoffending with proven practices and adhere to risk/needs principles; and
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- To participate in the IOM project, offenders must have:
 - A minimum stay in custody of 90 days;
 - A minimum of six months community supervision following release from custody;
 - A previous community or custody sentence; and
 - An overall high supervision and high needs assessment rating.

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- In addition, Corrections works with a number of community organizations such as Elizabeth Fry Society, the Salvation Army, and various shelters to ensure women receive supports after they are released from custody.
- While women are in custody, we run a number of community work programs that allow women to gain valuable work experience with groups such as animal rescue associations, thrift stores etc.
- If inmates are released with a probation order, a probation officer can assist them to find supports and services in the community.
- It is important to note that if someone is released without a probation order, BC Corrections cannot compel offenders to use local resources and supports that are there to assist their reintegration back into society.

Reporter heard from a lawyer that Corrections spent \$4M on renovations to VIRCC to create a small remand centre for women but it never went ahead. Can you confirm this money was spent? Why didn't the centre go ahead?

- Need statement responding to 4million on renovations. Confirmed not true?

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However, the number of female offenders in this region does not justify the expense of

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- When planning for new correctional facilities inmate demand and economies of scale are always key considerations.
- Most communities in British Columbia do not have dedicated facilities for female inmates. Currently, women in British Columbia are held in custody in two facilities; Alouette Correctional Centre for Women and Prince George Regional Correctional Centre. In 2010 we added an additional 20 cells for women at the Prince George Correctional Centre and in 2012 we recently expanded the Alouette Correctional Centre for Women by 104 cells.

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YOUTH - MCFD

What does it cost to transport female youth offenders to the mainland? Please include the cost of overtime/transportation/lodging. (Reporter understands that sheriffs often fly with inmates or ferry to and from the island).

How many female youth are incarcerated on the mainland from the Island?

Is there anything set up for the families/foster parents/caregivers of incarcerated youth so they can visit? What about social workers?

What services are available to youth upon their release from custody? How do they get home, is their transportation paid for?

Suggested Response:

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Louise Dickson – Times Colonist

Issue: Female Vancouver Island inmates. Costs/reasons for transporting to the mainland.

Status: Statement from Marnie Mayhew and background provided.

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Sorry what question do you need answered??

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Janet, Please see question below...

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When any police force, anywhere on the Island, picks someone up on a Friday night, that must appear in court, they have to hold them until Monday morning, or until Tuesday if it is a long weekend and Monday was a holiday.

So, in Victoria for example with the Easter long weekend, if they are picked up on Thursday night, they would not be taken to court until the following Tuesday, as Friday and Monday are stat holidays. Victoria City Police have no choice but to hold them.

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What about the weekends?

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When we talk about the Island: we pick up prisoners from police jails all over the Island and transport them to a court. If they are remanded in custody, we then move them to VIRCC here in Victoria, for males, or off the Island for females (Alouette Correctional Centre for Women, Maple Ridge). That is our job, not Corrections or police.

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