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Dear Chair,

Subject: Clarification of evidence/transcript for Budget Estimates hearing

I write to advise of a clarification to evidence given by myself at the Budget Estimates hearing for Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 8 – Customer Service, on Wednesday 8 November 2023.

Number of Participants – Domestic Violence Electronic Monitoring (DVEM) Program

Page 85 of the transcript currently reads as:

The Hon. AILEEN MacDONALD: And one of the measures that we have for managing offenders in the community that have domestic and family violence offences is domestic violence electronic monitoring.

KEVIN CORCORAN: Yes.

The Hon. AILEEN MacDONALD: I know that there are assessments, so not everyone is eligible to be fitted with the anklet. So how many are there being supervised with DVEM?

KEVIN CORCORAN: Apologies, I will see if I've got—

The Hon. AILEEN MacDONALD: Can I ask something while you're getting that information, because I know that DVEM is only one part of the solution. That's like the compliance side of things—are you complying with the conditions of your order. There should also be programs and intervention. So what kinds of programs are you doing to assist with behaviour change and what are the consequences if they don't participate or complete the program?

KEVIN CORCORAN: I might have to defer to Deputy Commissioner Taylor for the answer to that first question.

LEON TAYLOR: DVEM has been around since 2016, so we have a little bit of history with this program, and success, notwithstanding COVID in the middle. We have 226 DVEM participants at the moment. And BOCSAR recently evaluated that program and had some really good results out of that program. I am not sure if you saw their evaluation. But, over the 12 months, the people that were on domestic violence EM were more than 10 per cent less likely to commit a new offence, being participants in the program. Significantly for victims, they were more than 30 per cent less likely to commit a new DV offence because of the participation in that program.

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The Hon. AILEEN MacDONALD: Is that within 12 months of being fitted and then after they've—

LEON TAYLOR: Yes, it's depending on their order. Many of those people are on intensive corrections orders and they have different periods that they're subject to those orders. They are all offenders that are assessed at a medium-to-high risk of reoffending and they have a ADVO with a no contact restriction on it.

This should be amended to:

Please note, I provided the number of participants for the BOCSAR evaluation of the DVEM program.

The number of current DVEM participants as at 8 November 2023 was:

45 offenders
13 victims.

Many of the offenders are on parole, whilst others are subject to Intensive Corrections Orders (ICOs).

Please publish my clarifications above. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely,

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