

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE
(Of which some notice has been given)

Thursday, 6 November 2014

Hon Robin Chappie to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services.

I refer to the transfer to the Roeboume Regional Prison of prisoners Malcolm Dick Wilson and Deon James Ruffin from the South Hedland watch-house and ask:

1. At what time and date was the transfer commenced by SERCO's prisoner transport system?
2. At what time was SERCO's prisoner transport system advised that the transfer was required?
3. Did the SERCO prisoner transport system leave the relevant transfer documents behind at the South Hedland watch-house?
4. If yes to 3.) at what time did the SERCO prisoner transport vehicle return to collect the relevant documents?
5. At what time and date was the transfer to the Roeboume Regional Prison concluded?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

The Department of Corrective Services advises:

1. This movement was a lock-up clearance. The two persons in custody (PICs) appeared in South Hedland Courthouse at approximately 0940 and 0945 hours on Monday 4 August 2014. They were remanded into custody and transferred back to the police lock-up.

The transport vehicle commenced its journey from South Hedland to Roeboume Regional Prison at 1406hrs on 4 August 2014. This is in accordance with the Court Security and Custodial Services (CS&CS) Contract which stipulates that lock-up clearances are required to be conducted at the earliest opportunity but no later than 24 hours from receiving the request, unless Western Australia Police otherwise agree.

2. The Serco Roeboume Transport crew were notified at approximately 1010hrs of the requirement to conduct a lock-up clearance and pick up the two PICs from South Hedland Police lock-up once court was finished. The Serco Roeboume Transport departed Roeboume at 1030hrs to conduct the clearance.

3. No documents were left behind at the watch-house.

4. Not applicable.

5. The Department of Corrective Services' records indicate the PICs arrived at Roeboume Regional Prison at 1611hrs and were allowed entry into Roeboume Prison at 1626hrs on 4 August 2014, the same day the PICs were remanded in custody. The movement was within the timeframes stipulated in the CS&CS Contract for Roeboume Regional Prison for regional lock-up clearances.

