

Question 1 from Member of Parliament

In relation to the Southern Remand Centre (SRC), confirmation of whether \$78.94 million was the original estimated cost of works for the establishment of the SRC. If not, what was the original estimated cost?

Response from Department of Justice

Strategic Infrastructure Projects (SIP) provided a submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PSCPW) in 2019 in relation to the Southern Remand Centre Program - <https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/joint/PWC/Completed2019.html>. As detailed in the submission on page 40, cost estimates received at the time of sketch design totalled \$79,050,000. This is also detailed further in the appendices to the submission.

This estimate was for the Southern Remand Program including upgrade work in the Risdon Prison Complex, consultant fees, Department of Justice project management costs and miscellaneous components such as furniture fittings and equipment and cell IT.

Question 2 from Member of Parliament

The final cost on completion of the SRC.

Response from Department of Justice

The final construction costs for the SRC was \$67,817,995.27

Question 3 from Member of Parliament

The original estimate for ongoing annual costs for the SRC prior to construction.

Response from Department of Justice

The original estimate in 2018 was \$10.6 million per annum, including the Risdon Prison Shared Facilities Upgrade.

Question 4 from Member of Parliament

The original scope of works/plan for the construction of the SRC.

Response from Department of Justice

As detailed in the PSCPW submission commencing on page 12 – Proposed Works;

The scope of works presented to the PSCPW provided for:

- 140 dedicated remand beds located across two units within the SRC precinct;
- A new health clinic and sport and recreation facilities within the SRC precinct;
- Installation of secure walkways between the SRC and the Risdon Prison Complex (RPC);

- Installation of electronic security services for the SRC;
- Landscaping for the SRC;
- Upgrade to existing RPC facilities including;
- Alterations and extension to the existing RPC gatehouse;
- Alterations and extensions to the RPC Health Centre;
- Alterations and extension to the RPC visitors Centre;
- Alterations to the RPC prisoner processing areas; and
- Construction of a new kitchen.

Question 5 from Member of Parliament

The final scope of works for the establishment of the SRC.

Response from Department of Justice

The answer to this question is detailed in the response to question 6 which captures the changes made to the original scope.

Question 6 from Member of Parliament

A breakdown of changes of the scope of works from the original scope of works/plan to what has been constructed to date.

Response from Department of Justice

Due to the tendered price, a value management process was undertaken that resulted in a number of changes including:

- Deletion of the new RPC Kitchen building;
- Deletion of 1st floor of health building with suitable alternative accommodation found for nominated Health staff within Ron Barwick Prison instead;
- Deletion of visits building expansion (a refurbishment was still undertaken);
- Deletion of gatehouse expansion (a refurbishment was still undertaken);
- Reduction in landscaping for SRC;
- Clinic and Recreation Building – removal of 1 multipurpose room on the ground floor;
- Change to the physical security information management system;
- Removal of the roof to the basketball court; and
- Additional 16 beds to SRC accommodation.

In line with normal project planning, the Department allocated a post occupancy budget for the project. Subsequently following commissioning of the facility the following changes have been undertaken including:

- A redesign to the Gatehouse X-Ray Bench;
- Installation of swipe card readers through the SRC Secure Spine/Sallyport;
- Installation of an exit button in the Gatehouse Key room;

- Installation of screening along the pedestrian walkway to the SRC;
- Installation of Incident Control for the SRC in the RPC Incident control room;
- Hardware change to the SRC Cell door vision panels; and
- Installation of an emergency button for the walk through metal detector.

Question 7 from Member of Parliament

The capacity of the SRC by number of remandees.

Response from Department of Justice

The maximum number of SRC remandees is 156.

Question 8 from Member of Parliament

Any safe staffing numbers (staff: remandee ratios) documentation for the SRC.

Response from Department of Justice

The staffing ratio for the SRC is remandee to officer 14:1.

Question 9 from Member of Parliament

At the date of this request, the number of persons being remanded at the SRC.

Response from Department of Justice

The current occupancy of the SRC is 148 remandees as of 1 May 2023.

Question 10 from Member of Parliament

For the period 1 January-31 March, 2023 the number of persons under the age of 18 that have been remanded at the SRC and the duration of their stay

Response from Department of Justice

No remandees under the age of 18 years have been accepted in the SRC.