

Mr Peter Severin
Commissioner
Corrective Services NSW
GPO Box 31
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Our ref: [REDACTED]

7 July 2014

IN CONFIDENCE

Dear Commissioner

Attention: Mr James Koulouris, Assistant Commissioner, Governance and Continuous Improvement.

The Commission has received a report from another public authority regarding the following allegations against Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) personnel:

- That the CSNSW Immediate Action Team (IAT) staff assaulted inmate [REDACTED] at the Lithgow Correctional Centre (CC) earlier this year, and that at the time of the incident the senior IAT officer was an officer known as "Tex";
- The inmate [REDACTED] was taken to a hospital for treatment;
- That the assault upon the inmate was at the direction of the General Manager, Mr Oshay (sic.) and the Manager of Security, Mr Peebles.
- The wrong inmate was assaulted by the IAT personnel and in order to cover up the incident [REDACTED] to plant drugs in the inmate's cell;
- [REDACTED] viewed the CCTV footage and are enquiring about the matter;
- [REDACTED] advised that CSNSW Investigators [REDACTED] had told them that it would be "sorted";
- [REDACTED] then transferred inmate [REDACTED] to a Sydney CC;
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

The matter is currently under assessment. So that the Commission can make an appropriate decision in response to the allegations, I would be grateful if you would provide us with the following information:

1. Is CSNSW aware of an alleged assault upon an inmate [REDACTED] at the Lithgow Correctional Centre or of an incident involving the IAT and inmate [REDACTED] in 2013? If so, please provide details surrounding the incident/s, including what action, if any, CSNSW has taken in respect of the matter;

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2. Is CSNSW aware of an incident involving the finding of drugs or contraband in inmate [REDACTED] cell? If so, please provide details, including what action CSNSW has taken in respect of the matter;
3. Are CSNSW Investigators [REDACTED] currently investigating any incidents at the Lithgow CC? If so, please provide details concerning the circumstances of the matter/s, including how the investigation/s was instigated;
4. Is CSNSW aware of the transfer of inmate [REDACTED] from the Lithgow CC? If so, please provide details about the circumstances of the transfer, including the inmate's current whereabouts;
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]

I would appreciate it if this information could be provided by **4 August 2014**.

If you would like to discuss this request, you can telephone the Assessment Officer with carriage on the number provided, or you are welcome to contact me direct on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Yours sincerely



Trent White
Manager Assessments