



Speech by

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Reports

Mr ROBERTS (Nudgee—ALP) (10.13 a.m.): I lay upon the table of the House Public Works Committee reports Nos 49 and 50 on its inquiries into the upgrading of the Townsville Correctional Centre and the construction of a hot fire training facility by the Queensland Fire and Rescue Authority.

The committee considers the additions to the Townsville Correctional Centre as necessary and suitable for the purpose for which they will be constructed. The committee does make a recommendation to the Queensland Corrective Services Commission regarding the processes it uses to determine its future needs for additional prison beds.

The committee considers that the hot fire training facility will be a positive investment in the future safety of Queenslanders. It recommends that the Queensland Fire and Rescue Authority formalise and finalise its negotiations on key aspects of the project before proceeding with any other components of the project.

I place on record my thanks to all those who assisted the committee with these inquiries, particularly those who made submissions, appeared before the committee and assisted with inspections. I also thank my fellow committee members and thank the committee staff for their research and assistance. I commend the reports to the House.
