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Dear Mr Kitchin

DCS BETTER PRISONS PROGRAM

I write to you to advise you of the outcome of one of the key initiatives under the **Better Prisons** reform program, announced on 4 September 2018. As you would be aware, the program reflects the Government's commitment to reducing reoffending by improving the quality, safety and efficiency of the State's prison system.

As part of this program, Government committed to increase private sector involvement in service delivery by transferring the operation of the Adelaide Remand Centre (ARC) to a private provider through a competitive procurement process.

I can advise the Minister for Correctional Services, the Hon Corey Wingard MP (the Minister), has signed a contract with Serco Australia Pty Ltd (Serco) for the delivery of all services for the ARC, including custodial, health, intervention, educational, training, and asset maintenance services, commencing from 10 August 2019. Serco has extensive experience in the delivery of correctional services, both in Australia and internationally.

Through this contract, the ARC will operate as a centre of excellence for admission into the South Australian prison system. Serco will provide best-practice prisoner intake, assessment and induction to identify appropriate placement, services and supports for each prisoner at the point of admission.

The Better Prisons team has been working closely with Public Service Association representatives, through the Special Local Consultative Committee, and all staff at the ARC to manage the staff transition process. The team will continue to do so over the coming months as we prepare for the transition.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Program Team via the Better Prisons email: DCSBetterPrisons@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Brown', written over a white background.

DAVID BROWN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE