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PRISONER TRANSPORT – UPDATE

Assistant Commissioner Kyle Stewart, NSW Police Force (NSWPF) corporate spokesperson for Custody and Corrections attended the PANSW Executive meeting last week and provided an update to the Executive on the progress of prisoner transportation.

The PANSW have been working with the NSWPF and Correctives Services NSW (CSNSW) to make tangible changes to police officers out on the street when it comes to the transportation of prisoners.

Section 33s - PANSW and NSWPF have strongly advocated that the burden of Section 33 orders on police resources in both country and Metro areas must change and this has been advanced to occur with enactment of the legislative amendment in September which provides clear guidance on the powers of correctives services officers whilst undertaking this role. NSWPF and CSNSW are working through the logistics of how this will work into the future.

Parkes & Newcastle trials - PANSW and NSWPF are pursuing funding for the Parkes and Newcastle transport trials which need to be **approved** and **commenced** as a matter of **priority** consistent with commitments the PANSW was given by both the Minister and Commissioner early this year. These trials are designed for CSNSW to take over prisoner transportation from police, and trial a range of workable models that may be implemented state-wide.

Why are police doing these transports? We need to know so we can work with NSWPF to identify this and come up with resolutions and stop this practice from occurring. We want to hear where and why this is occurring to feedback@pansw.org.au with the **title prisoner transport**. We will work with NSWPF & CSNSW to cease those practices.

CAD - Members are encouraged to continue logging all prisoner transports using CAD under the new prisoner transport categories. This data is vital during this dispute process.

Where to now? – We go back before the Industrial Relations Commission on the 24th August where Correctives Services attendance has been ordered by the Commission so that **ALL** players can inform the Commission of tangible progress.

Our position is clear - Police should not be required to transport prisoners to and from correctional facilities where they are already in Correctives Services custody.

Further, it is the position of your Association that should members not see progress as a matter of urgency, then changes to work practices and safety breaches will be strongly encouraged by this union to resolve this issue and return cops to front-line duties protecting their communities.

Members have been patient and you deserve to see a change on the street now that enables police to focus on doing police work.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T King', is positioned above the name of the signatory.

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President