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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **STATEMENT FROM MINISTER DAVID ELLIOTT**

A NSW parliamentary inquiry has today placed significant blame on Labor's flawed contract for the problems at Parklea Correctional Centre in 2017.

The NSW Government inherited the contract after former Labor Minister John Robertson privatised the prison in 2009.

We have learned a lot from the management of GEO Group at Parklea and we are confident the tough, new contract written by the NSW Liberals & Nationals will deliver better results for the community.

The new contract will hold the next operator much more accountable for achieving best practice outcomes, including security, inmate safety and rehabilitation.

MTC/Broadspectrum will operate Parklea from April next year following a rigorous tender process and will increase staff numbers with an additional 50 frontline officers.

Corrective Services NSW consistently monitored the performance of GEO Group and intervened throughout the contract period to ensure improvements to safety and security.

The new, strengthened contract for Parklea aligns with improvements being made system-wide to lift performance standards, ensure accountability for outcomes and improve the effectiveness of all prisons.

The NSW Government will now consider the recommendations of the Inquiry.