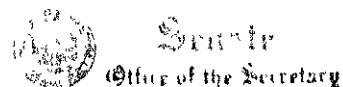


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE 2013 COA REPORT THAT THE BUREAU OF
CORRECTIONS SHOULD ACCOUNT FOR THE DELAY IN THE DELIVERY OF
GOODS AND SERVICES TO THE PREJUDICE OF THE INMATES AND
ACCOUNT FOR THE QUESTIONABLE PURCHASE OF DRUGS WITHOUT THE
PROPER PRESCRIPTION

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 27 provides: "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption";

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 28 also states: "Subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions involving public interest";

WHEREAS, in its 2013 Commission on Audit (COA) report of the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) alleged that the slow or prolonged procurement processes/activities resulted in the reversion of some ₱110,914,891.46 back to the national treasury and in the delay in the delivery of goods and service and/or implementation of programs/projects to the prejudice of the inmates;

WHEREAS, the COA recommended that the BuCor streamline its procurement procedures and provide specific timelines in the processing of claims in order to maximize the utilization of funds and prevent the delay in the delivery of public services;

WHEREAS, the COA also reportedly said that ₱7,613,8873.71 was spent on drugs, medicines, and laboratory paraphernalia that were issued without a prescription or without proper documentation;

1 WHEREAS, the COA therefore doubted that these drugs, medicines, and
2 laboratory supplies went to the intended beneficiaries;

3 WHEREAS, the COA recommended that the BuCor relieve the pharmacist of his
4 post until he is able to fully account for the entire amount; the COA also recommended
5 that the BuCor install a sound internal control system over the handling, recording,
6 reporting, and issuance of drugs and medicines, and medical, dental, and laboratory
7 supplies to ensure that these are solely used for the intended beneficiaries;

8 WHEREAS, although inmates managed by the BuCor are convicted felons and
9 offenders, this does not entitle BuCor officials to become lax with regard to overseeing
10 and implementing programs that will benefit inmates and convicts;

11 WHEREAS, the State should therefore ensure that even convicted felons and
12 inmates are provided with goods and services accorded to them by law;

13 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE
14 to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the
15 2013 COA report that the Bureau of Corrections should account for the delay in the
16 delivery of goods and services to the prejudice of the inmates and account for the
17 questionable purchase of drugs without the proper prescription.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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