

Appendix 1

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation	Acceptance Level/Response
Correctional value-for-money	Supported
1. Youth Custodial Services should retain responsibility for custodial transport of young people between country and regional centres and detention facilities in Perth beyond the expiry of the current trial on 31 October 2011.	Youth Custodial Services is committed to retaining responsibility for the custodial transport of young people beyond expiry of the pilot on 31 October 2011 and had already commenced negotiations with Western Australia Police to formalise this transfer by the end of 2011.
Care and wellbeing	Supported in part
2. The Department for Corrective Services should review the nature of its support services to children and youth in regional lockups and define more precisely expectations of staff in particular roles for visiting such young people, facilitating caregiver visitation, ensuring that clean clothes are provided and that bail options are energetically explored. Recording systems should be developed to monitor and report on such activity.	This recommendation will be considered at the Youth Justice Services Interagency Steering Group to ensure that all agencies fulfil their responsibilities in the management and provision of service to young people in the police lock up. Aspects of this recommendation relate to other agencies and the Department is not able to comment on their behalf.
Care and wellbeing	Not supported
3. Adjust the service model for Regional Youth Transport to achieve a significant reduction in nights spent by youth in police lockups after notice for their removal to Perth has been given. Options include utilisation of regionally-based Youth Justice Services officers and greater use of air-charters and the Police Airwing.	Regional Youth Transport is already achieving a significant reduction in nights spent by young people in lock ups, and as this review acknowledges it is providing a far better service than when managed by Western Australia Police. The provision of the service is still in its early days and the Department will continue to refine service delivery to achieve realistic and sustainable outcomes, especially when considering the logistics, the size of jurisdiction and the many other external factors that can impact upon the timeframe and may be outside the Department's control.

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I can advise that subject to further dialogue, WA Police provide in principle support for all three recommendations.

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