

Methodology

Datasets were downloaded from the Total Offender Management Solution (TOMS) database using SQL-based queries. To observe trends in security ratings and work camp numbers, the muster information was extracted four times a year from 2009 -2011, and twice in 2012. The months chosen were March, June, September, and December, with the muster information extracted on the 15th of these months.

To examine suitability for work camps and external activities, a recent data snapshot (26/06/2012) was extracted from TOMS using SQL-based queries. Only minimum security prisoners with a finalised checklist were included in the dataset, with the most recent checklist chosen.

Finally, to examine involvement in external activities by prisoners, the TOMs report 'Temporary Placement – Facility' was used for the time period of 23/06/2012 to 29/06/2012. Court and medical related temporary placements were removed from the dataset.

Data was then exported into Excel for further analysis.