

Appendix 2

THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE 2012 RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation	Acceptance Level/Response
<p>Human Rights</p> <p>1. Maintain Pardelup as a single-cell occupancy facility and ensure that any future expansion is based on single room accommodation</p>	<p>DCS: Supported</p> <p>Currently, and with the existing prisoner profile, DCS has no intention of changing the current single cell accommodation make-up of Pardelup Prison Farm.</p>
<p>Administration and Accountability</p> <p>2. Maintain, and monitor processes for promoting unity of purpose and direction amongst staff, including consultative forms of communication and decision making.</p>	<p>DCS: Supported</p> <p>Senior management will continue to promote a positive staff culture and effective communication and consultancy at all levels.</p>
<p>Racism, Aboriginality and Equity</p> <p>3. Devise and implement strategies to progress Aboriginal (particularly Noongar) prisoners to Pardelup, Walpole, or other re-entry facilities in the South West.</p>	<p>DCS: Supported</p> <p>The Department has commissioned a review to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the reasons for the disproportionately low numbers of Aboriginal prisoners at re-entry facilities in the South West – Wooroloo Prison Farm, Karnet Prison Farm, Bunbury Pre-Release Unit, Pardelup Prison Farm, and Boronia Pre-Release Centre; and • Develop strategies and opportunities to increase the number of Aboriginal prisoners entering these facilities.
<p>Racism, Aboriginality and Equity</p> <p>4. Ensure equitable provision of culturally appropriate food, including regular provision of traditional Aboriginal food.</p>	<p>DCS: Supported in Principle</p> <p>The menu at Pardelup Prison Farm has been reviewed for dietetic compliance with the Australian Dietary Guidelines and PD15. The menu was found to be, in the most part, compliant. Currently, Indigenous foods are offered at times of cultural importance.</p>
<p>Racism, Aboriginality and Equity</p> <p>5. Raise the profile of Aboriginal culture at Pardelup by ensuring adequate Aboriginal community engagement, including an Aboriginal Visitors Service and Prison Aboriginal Service Committee.</p>	<p>DCS: Supported – Existing Departmental Initiative</p> <p>Significant effort has been made to create a cultural meeting place on the site for use by Aboriginal prisoners. This was achieved in consultation with local Aboriginal groups. These important stakeholder relationships are ongoing.</p> <p>The AVS service is organised according to priority in order to maintain the service within the budget. AVS have confirmed the ability to attend Pardelup Prison in the event of an emergency or an Aboriginal prisoner has requested their assistance and support.</p>

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<p>Racism, Aboriginality and Equity</p> <p>6. Support DCS staff who work with Indonesian prisoners with Bahasa Indonesian language training.</p>	<p>DCS: Not Supported</p> <p>It is important to point out that considerable effort has been made to provide policies, procedures and daily routines translated in Indonesian, of which the Inspection team commented on positively. It has also been identified that over the next 12 months this group of offenders will be moved to Broome and the numbers imprisoned at Pardelup will decrease significantly and as such any investment in the development of language skills for staff would not be justified at this time.</p>
<p>Racism, Aboriginality and Equity</p> <p>7. Ensure that all foreign national prisoners are able to use a portion of their gratuities for sending remittances to support their dependants while serving their sentence.</p>	<p>DCS: Supported</p> <p>Minister for Corrective Services has directed that remittances to overseas will be allowed and the Department is putting in processes to allow this to happen.</p>
<p>Care and Wellbeing</p> <p>8. Ensure greater clarity in reception and property processes and more consistency in their application.</p>	<p>DCS: Supported in Principle</p> <p>The relevant Standing Order will be reviewed and clarity provided to staff on what items are acceptable for prisoners to retain.</p>
<p>Health</p> <p>9. Implement and promote a program and provide ongoing support to further educate prisoners about healthy eating and living.</p>	<p>DCS: Supported – Existing Departmental Initiative</p> <p>The Education Centre at Pardelup runs a healthy cooking on a budget course as part of the transition program.</p>
<p>Racism, Aboriginality and Equity</p> <p>10. Provide peer support and cultural liaison support.</p>	<p>DCS: Supported – Existing Departmental Initiative</p> <p>Peer support is already in place at Pardelup prison.</p>
<p>Rehabilitation</p> <p>11. Ensure sufficient staffing for Pardelup's re-entry needs, including increased staff to match any increase in the prison population requiring re-entry support.</p>	<p>DCS: Supported – Existing Departmental Initiative</p> <p>There is currently no intention to increase the prisoner population at Pardelup Prison.</p> <p>DCS is currently conducting a review of all positions linked to Transitional Services, Assessment and Case Management across all prisons. The outcome of this review will determine what, if any, changes will be made to Pardelup Prison.</p>