

## Appendix B: Department of Corrective Services response to recommendations

Recommendation	Response
<p>1. Improve opportunities for young men and women at all the state's prisons to be involved in meaningful activities, skill development opportunities and education.</p>	<p><b>Supported</b></p> <p>The Department recognises the unique needs of the 18 to 24 year old cohort and is currently reviewing service delivery models to this group.</p>
<p>2. Ensure that the population of Wandoo is increased and that the benefits to the community are evaluated and maximised. In order to achieve this, the Department should:</p> <p>(a) improve the opportunities for young men at mainstream prisons and assist them to meet the Wandoo criteria; and</p> <p>(b) examine amendments to its security classification tool, to allow a more nuanced assessment of youth risk.</p>	<p><b>Supported</b></p> <p>a) Refer to response to Recommendation 1</p> <p>b) It is acknowledged that the management of young people is complex and there are unique challenges for managing the risk of young adult prisoners. The terms of reference for the review of the classification system are currently being developed and will be presented for endorsement.</p>
<p>3. Implement specific strategies targeted at reducing recidivism amongst young female prisoners.</p>	<p><b>Supported</b></p> <p>The Department is committed to implementing Individualised Integrated Case Management (IICM) which is designed to reduce recidivism and will have a specific focus on female offenders.</p>
<p>4. For interventions governed and justified by the 'what works' principles, ensure that these principles are properly followed for program design and allocation.</p>	<p><b>Supported</b></p> <p>IICM is underpinned by the 'what works' principles.</p>
<p>5. Increase the availability of treatment programs in the Aboriginal-dominated prisons of West Kimberley, Greenough, Eastern Goldfields and Roebourne.</p>	<p><b>Supported</b></p> <p>The Department is developing a Western Australian Intervention Map. This will include a focus on Aboriginal prisoners at Regional Prisons (within fiscal constraints).</p>
<p>6. Develop appropriate treatment programs for female prisoners, particularly those at high risk of substance abuse and violent offending, and improve access to treatment programs for female prisoners across the state.</p>	<p><b>Supported</b></p> <p>The Department is developing a Western Australian Intervention Map. This will include a particular emphasis on prioritising women at risk across the state (within fiscal constraints).</p>

7. Develop a comprehensive plan and timeline for the long-term evaluation of programs.	<p><b>Supported</b></p> <p>The Department has an existing plan of long-term evaluations of programs within adult facilities. Youth Justice is developing a plan and timeline for the evaluation of programs.</p>
8. As a long term efficiency measure, the government and the Department ensure that adequate resourcing is prioritised for strategies aimed at reducing recidivism.	<p><b>Supported</b></p> <p>The Department is committed to prioritising strategies aimed at reducing recidivism.</p>
9. For both adult justice and youth justice, the Department publish clear recidivism targets with a corresponding action plan and clear methods for measuring effectiveness.	<p><b>Supported</b></p> <p>The Department has set a target to reduce recidivism by 6% per year.</p>