



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Justice**
Corrective Services

Response to the Announced Inspection:

**Management of Prisoners after the July
2018 Riot and Escapes at Greenough
Regional Prison**

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The Department of Justice welcomes the report into the Management of Prisoners after the July 2018 Riot and Escapes at Greenough Regional Prisons.

The Department has reviewed the report and noted a level of acceptance against the seven recommendations.

Appendix A contains comments for your attention and consideration.

Response to Recommendations

1 In the immediate aftermath of a major disturbance, consideration needs to be given to meeting the health and welfare needs of prisoners.

Response:

The Department acknowledges the need for structured post-incident planning for the management of staff and prisoners following a major disturbance, and will take a programmatic approach to addressing the recommendations made in the report.

Corrective Services will develop a statewide prison centric post incident recovery plan for prisoners and staff. The plan will instruct on all aspects of prisoner management, staff and family support along with prisoner service delivery. It will also advise on progress reporting requirements. The plan will be the vehicle to ensuring the recommendations made in the report are enduring and have local prison relevance. The establishment of the recovery plan will enhance and fit within the existing Emergency Management Framework.

Level of Acceptance: Supported
Responsible Business Area: Operational Support
Proposed Completion Date: 31 October 2020

2 Having regard to security and infrastructure conditions, timely recovery to a normal regime must be a priority for emergency management planning.

Response:

Recommendation will be addressed through the program of works being done in response to recommendation 1.

Level of Acceptance: Supported
Responsible Business Area: Operational Support
Proposed Completion Date: 31 October 2020

3 After a major disturbance, the Department ought to consider the provision of consistent and sustained support to prison senior management to assist the recovery effort.

Response:

Recommendation will be addressed through the program of works being done in response to recommendation 1.

Level of Acceptance: Supported
Responsible Business Area: Operational Support
Proposed Completion Date: 31 October 2020

4 Ensure compliance with relevant regulations and policies when implementing confinement and/or close supervision regimes following emergency incidents.

Response:

Recommendation will be addressed through the program of works being done in response to recommendation 1.

Level of Acceptance: Supported
Responsible Business Area: Operational Support
Proposed Completion Date: 31 October 2020

5 Female prisoners should not be held for extended periods in the male maximum-security Unit 1.

Response:

Female prisoners currently at Greenough are not held in male maximum security Unit 1 for extended periods.

Unit 1 is utilised as temporary accommodation only for new female intakes. These women are transferred to alternative appropriate facilities as soon as practical, taking into consideration that constant transfers can have a destabilising impact on the health and wellbeing of the women. The transfers are informed by individual circumstances such as court appearances, bail conditions, family visits, transport availability and other personal requirements.

As the women are received at Greenough, urgent transfer and management plans are designed taking into consideration their circumstances and to minimise their length of stay in Unit 1.

This process will continue until such time more permanent accommodation for women at Greenough is stabilised.

Level of Acceptance: Not Supported
Responsible Business Area: Adult Male Prisons
Proposed Completion Date: N/A