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REPORT NO 144 – 2022 INSPECTION OF PARDELUP PRISON FARM

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The most recent inspection report from the Inspector of Custodial Services has found that Pardelup Prison Farm has maintained its past positive performance and continued to offer constructive and rewarding rehabilitation opportunities for prisoners.

Inspector Eamon Ryan said it was encouraging to have such positive outcomes from an inspection and Pardelup provided an important example of a well-run facility that provides essential rehabilitation opportunities for prisoners.

“We saw many examples of effective rehabilitation and reintegration services being offered, and the prison and work camp must continue to be supported in being able to provide such unique and impactful services for prisoners,” Mr Ryan said.

To that end, a recommendation was made that Pardelup should be able to retain a proportion of the revenue it generates from farming operations to reinvest back into the farm. It was found that it was facing some challenges in maintaining modern farming practices as its budget was reduced (in line with system wide cuts).

Mr Ryan said as an important part of the system that provides essential food to the prisons throughout the state, it was unreasonable to expect production to be maintained or improved without additional investment.

“Recommendations of better state support for the farming operations have been made in the past three reports of Pardelup but these remain unactioned. Not only does the operation reduce costs to the system by providing food, it provides training, education and a sense of worth and community to the prisoners involved.”

“Investment in the farming operations could increase productivity and enhance these benefits even further,” Mr Ryan said.

Another strong aspect of Pardelup’s performance is the continued support and connection it has with its local surrounding communities. Mr Ryan noted the outstanding example it provides to how prisons and prisoners can be integrated into local communities to the benefit of all.

“Overwhelmingly the feedback from local community organisations and groups was supportive of the prison and the work camp and how they foster a sense of community in undertaking highly valued community work,” Mr Ryan said.

Eamon Ryan
Inspector

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The Inspector, Mr Eamon Ryan, will be available for comment from 2:00pm on Tuesday 11 October 2022 and can be contacted on 0421 480 925.