



Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

Our Ref: 39-12478



Dr David Worth
Principal Research Officer
Education and Health Standing Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Dr Worth

I acknowledge receipt of correspondence dated 26 May 2011 from chairperson of the Education and Health Standing Committee Dr Janet Woollard MLA regarding the Inquiry into the Adequacy and Appropriateness of Prevention and Treatment Services for Alcohol and Illicit Drug Problems in Western Australia.

I appreciate the opportunity given to respond to recommendations 10 and 24.

I would like to advise you that in response to recommendation 10 the Department of Corrective Services (the Department) is currently investigating the feasibility of providing the Smart Recovery Programme at all prisons Statewide.

I understand the Smart Recovery Programme is currently run in prisons in New South Wales and Queensland and teaches practical skills, in a group setting, to help individuals address the problems underlying their substance misuse and achieve abstinence, where desired.

In response to recommendation 24, I would like to advise you Mr Steve Robins, Assistant Commissioner, Adult Community Corrections is the Departmental representative on the State Diversionary Reference Group which includes the Department of the Attorney General representation. Regular meetings are held.

Regular meetings are also held with the judiciary, magistracy and releasing authorities with the purpose of raising and discussing issues including the management of adult offenders and young people involved in the justice system.

Thank you for your correspondence and I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Terry Redman', with a stylized, cursive-like script.

TERRY REDMAN MLA
MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES

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