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Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Inquiry into the 2025-26 Budget Estimates

The Hon. Enver Erdogan MLC Minister for Corrections

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Corrections system overview

5,700+

People employed across the corrections system

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People in prison in Victoria (as of 30 April 2025)

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Proportion of people in prison **on remand** (as of April 2025) Ⅲ 19

Facilities in Victoria – **13 publicly operated prisons**, 3 privately operated prisons*, 2 post sentence residential facilities, 1 transition centre



People in Victoria on parole, supervised court orders, court reparation orders (as of 30 April 2025)

計 34

Community Corrections locations throughout Victoria

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The cost for Corrections outputs in 2025-26 is forecast to be \$1.9 billion

- \$1.628 billion for **Prisoner Supervision and Support** to ensure safe, secure and humane containment of prisoners
- \$279 million for Community Based Offender Supervision to ensure effective supervision of offenders in the community



Total estimated capital expenditure 2025-26 of \$90.7 million

- \$8.8 million for **Prison system** capacity expansion and security upgrades
- \$81.9 million for **Men's prison** system capacity



Western Plains correctional Centre will open in mid 2025

- \$1.1 billion **new maximum** security men's prison
- Opening with an initial capacity of **665 beds**
- Capacity will then expand by a **further 312 beds**

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2025-26 Budget

The 2025-26 Budget will ramp up capacity in the adult prison system and continue programs that are key to reducing reoffending.



Ramping up capacity in Victoria's prisons

\$727 million to ramp up the capacity in our prisons and youth justice centres including to:

- open almost 1,000 adult prison beds
- recruit 400 roles in adult corrections
- increased workforce training and capacity of rehabilitation and remand-focused programs
- expand primary health and forensic mental health services to meet the increased demand.

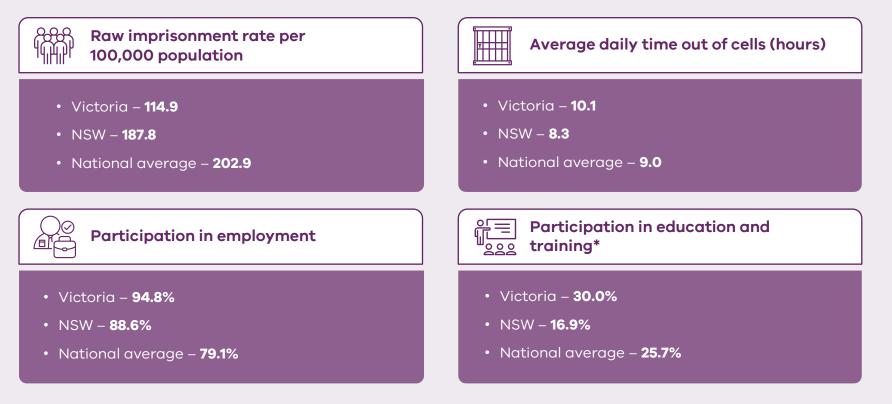


Supporting a safe and effective Corrections system

\$19.5 million to continue:

- employment supports to prevent recidivism
- culturally appropriate supports for Aboriginal women
- transition supports for people in custody with mental health needs and Aboriginal people
- supports for women in the criminal justice system and preventing gender-based violence
- progress corrections system recommendations from Yoorrook Justice Commission to reduce the cost of mobile phone calls made by people in custody.

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Source: Report on Government Services 2023-24, published in January 2025

5 *Note that different calculation methods are used across the states and territories

Reducing reoffending

Victoria's rate of return



- Was **39.3%** in 2023-24
- The national average was 43% in 2023-24
- Victoria's expected outcome for 2024-25 is 37.1%



To corrective services within two years of discharge from a **Community Corrections Order**

- Was **11.8%** in 2023-24
- The national average was **25.0%**
- Victoria's expected outcome for 2024-25 is **11.1%**



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Thank you.

