

Corrections

Future directions in reducing re-offending

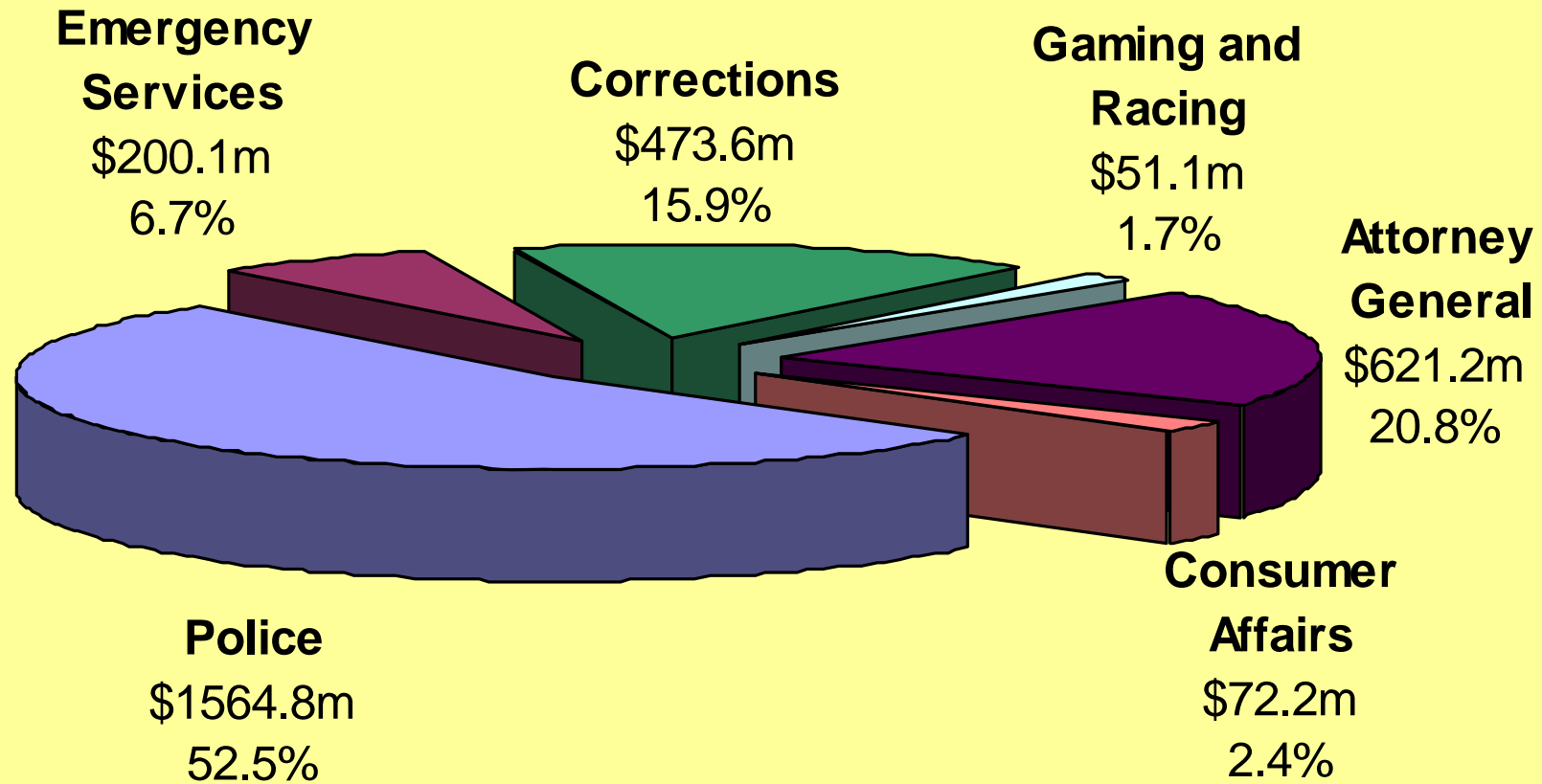
Tim Holding, MP
Minister for Corrections

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
3 July 2006



JUSTICE BUDGET

Share of \$2,983.0 million budget



Corrections Snapshot



- **Offenders in the system**
 - 3,660 male / 245 female prisoners*
 - 1,312 on parole
 - 7,116 community corrections offenders (includes parolees)
- **13 prisons in Victoria**
 - More than 2,000 staff
 - 57 community corrections locations



**As of 30 June 2006*

Reducing Re-offending

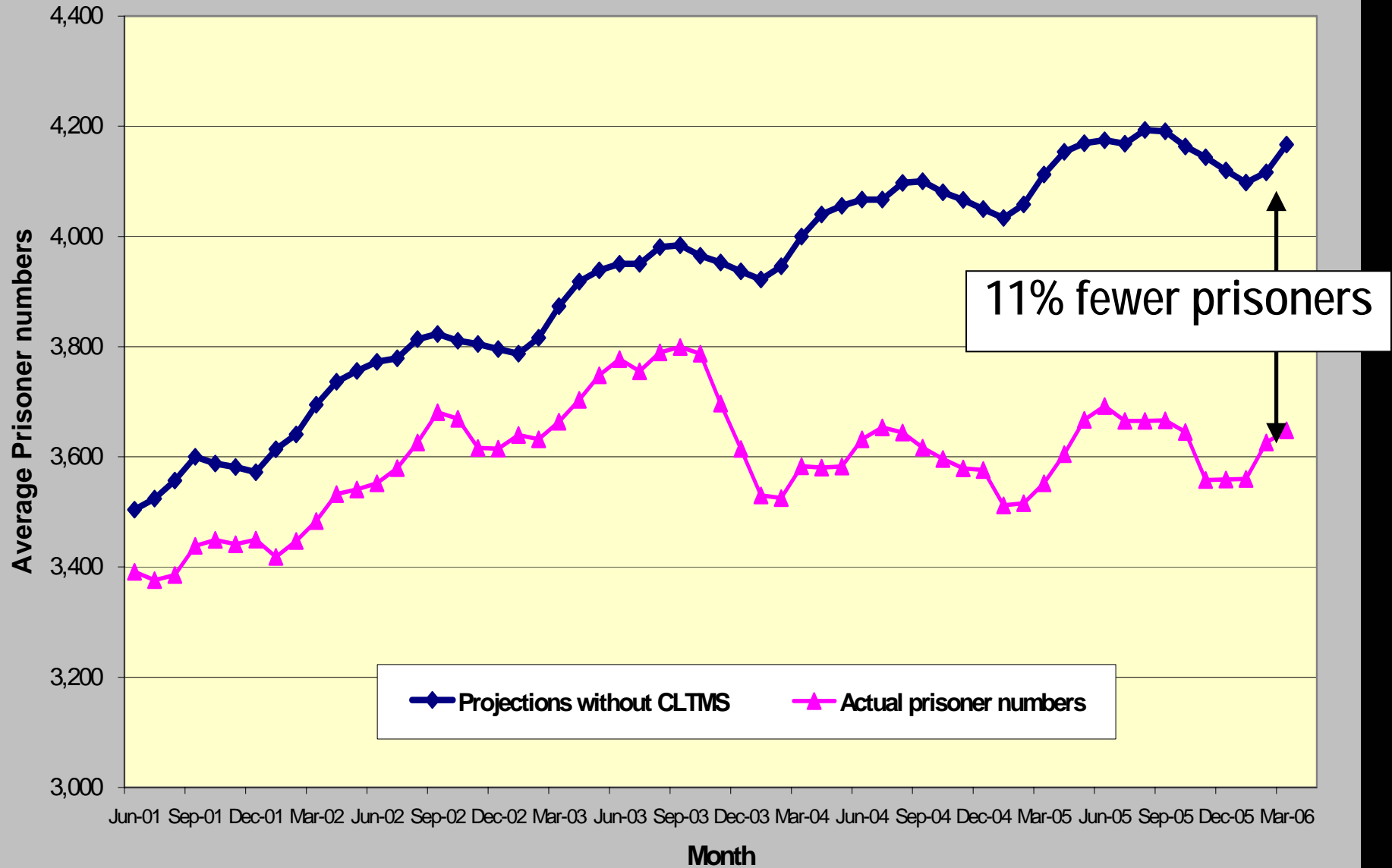
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- **\$20m to reduce re-offending**
- **New programs to help rehabilitate**
 - Cognitive skills program
 - Sex Offender program
 - Violent offender program
 - Employment placement
 - Homeless program

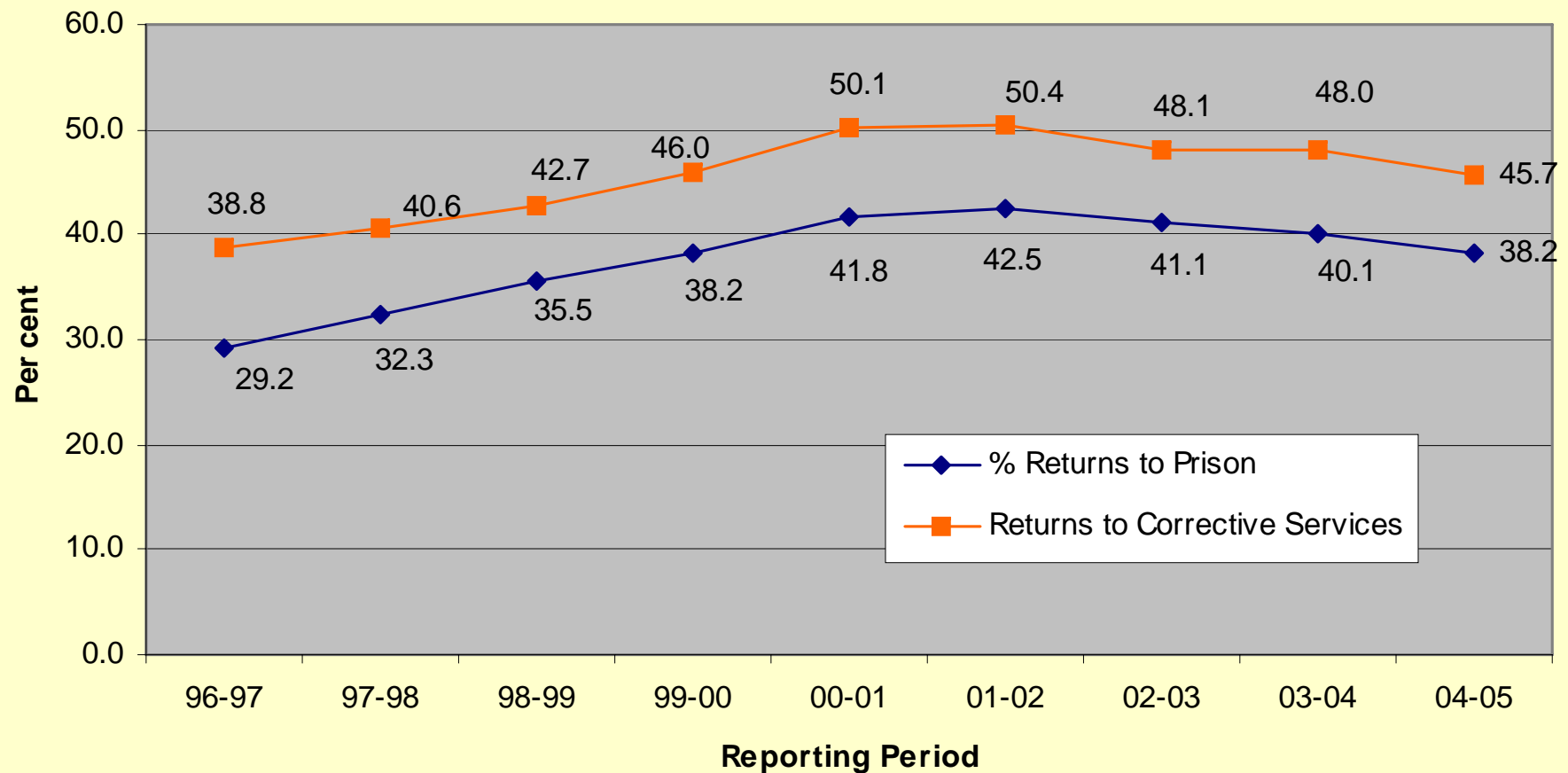


Monthly Average prisoners vs projected numbers without CLTMS intervention - July 2001 to April 2006



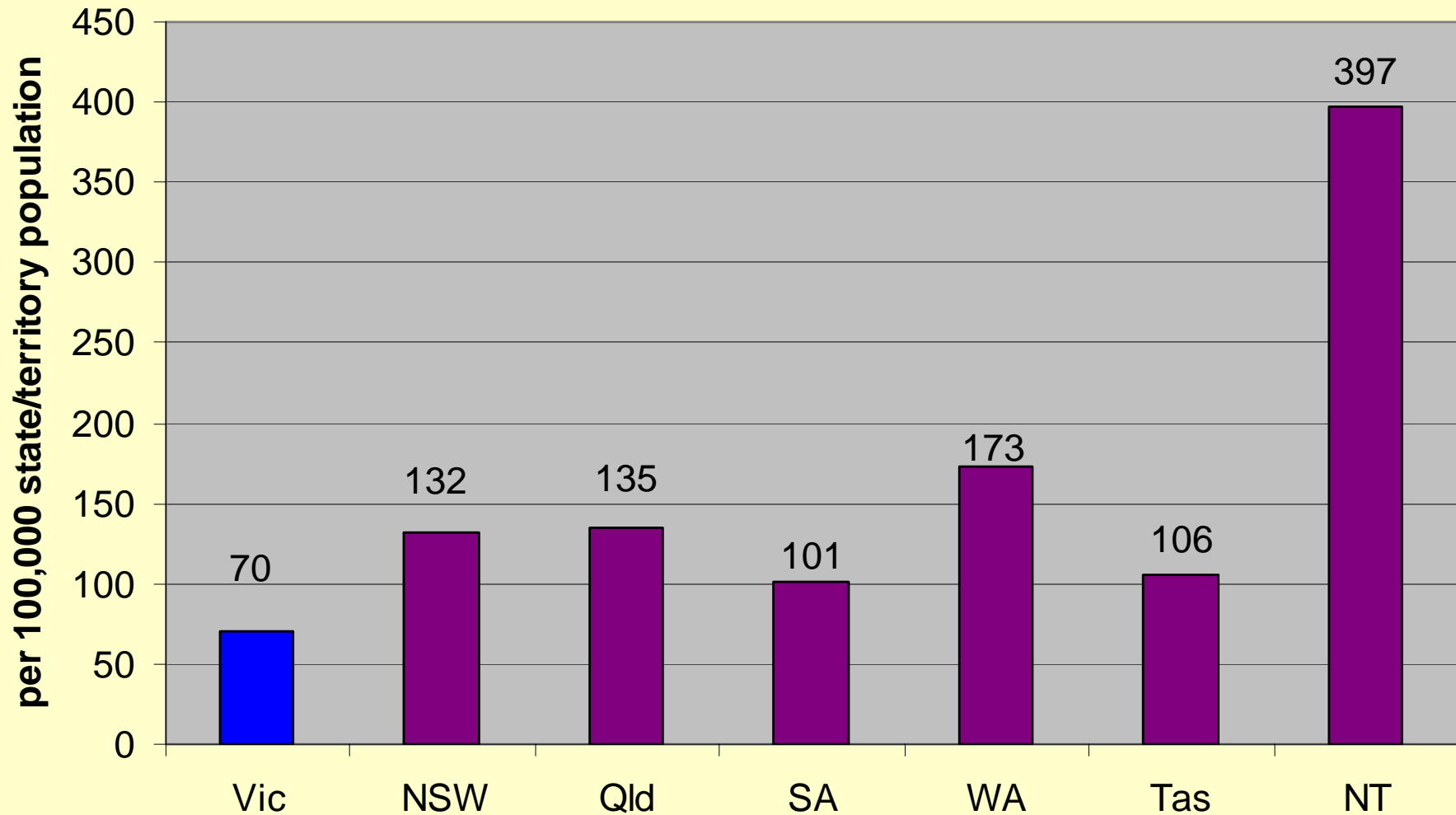
RECIDIVISM IN VICTORIA

Prisoners who return to prison and corrective services within two years (1996/97 to 2004/05)



IMPRISONMENT RATES

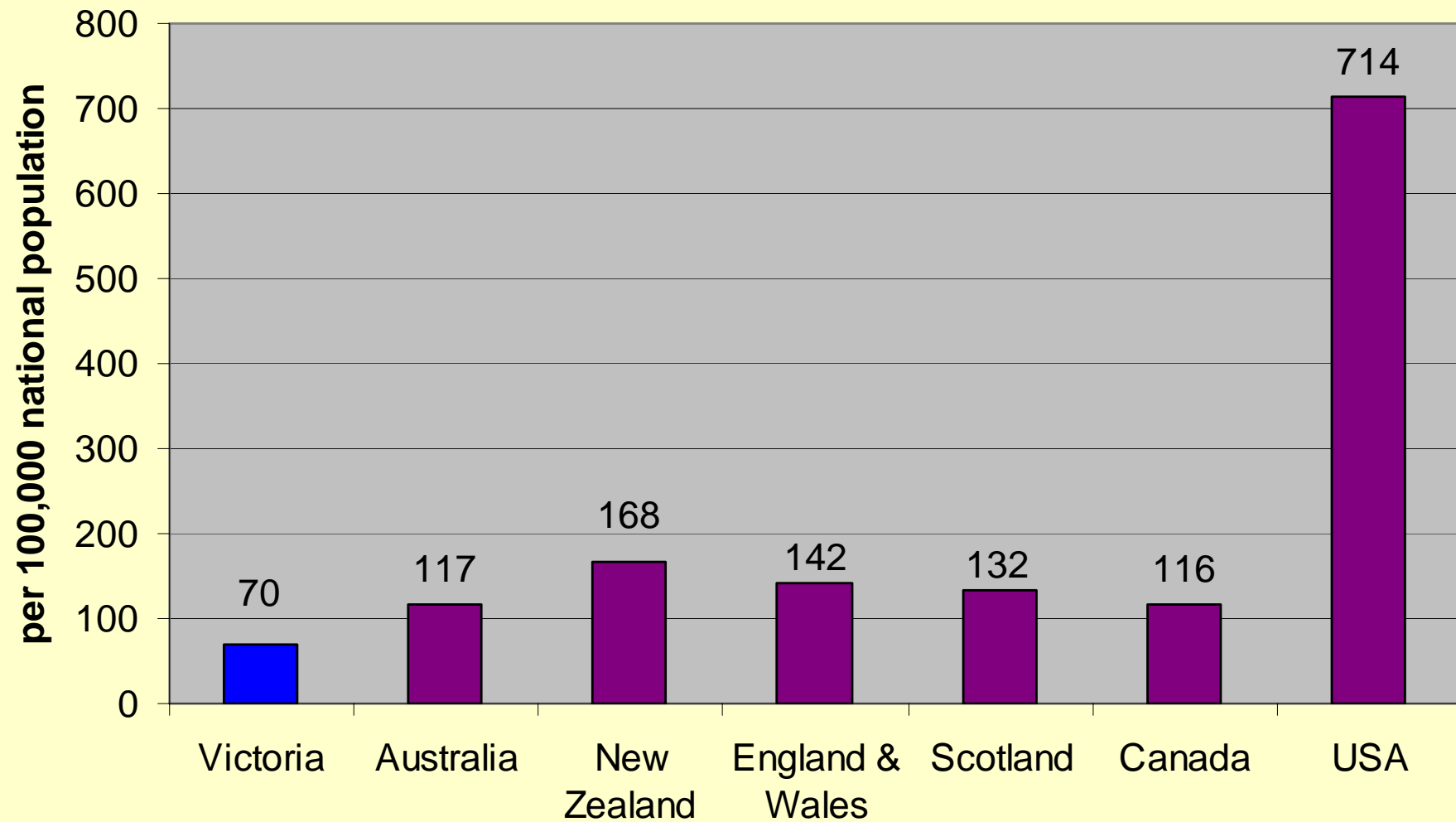
National comparison 2005



Source: Corrections Victoria June 2006

IMPRISONMENT RATES

International comparison 2005



Budget Initiatives for 2005/2006



- **\$11 M for security upgrades**
 - Gatehouse redevelopment and perimeter upgrades at Barwon Prison
 - Redevelopment of reception at Melbourne Assessment Prison
- **\$853,000 for new staff and security equipment**
 - 8 new Security and Emergency Service Group staff
 - Security equipment and extra officer for Acacia Unit
 - New high security escort van

New Budget Initiatives for 2006/2007



- **\$8.6 million to create a new high security unit**
 - Upgrade Grevillia Unit at Barwon Prison
 - new 27-bed high security unit
 - High security for terror and gangland suspects
- **\$12.1 million for extra security**
 - 12 new escort staff
 - High security transport van
 - Kevlar vests and helmets
 - replacement firearms.



Conclusion



- **Reduced numbers returning to prison**
 - Low-risk into community work or home detention
 - Prisons now help rehabilitate
 - Better life skills.
- **Next phase to look at the new challenges**
- **Fewer career criminals – safer for all**

