

Corrections

...future directions in offender management.

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Corrections system



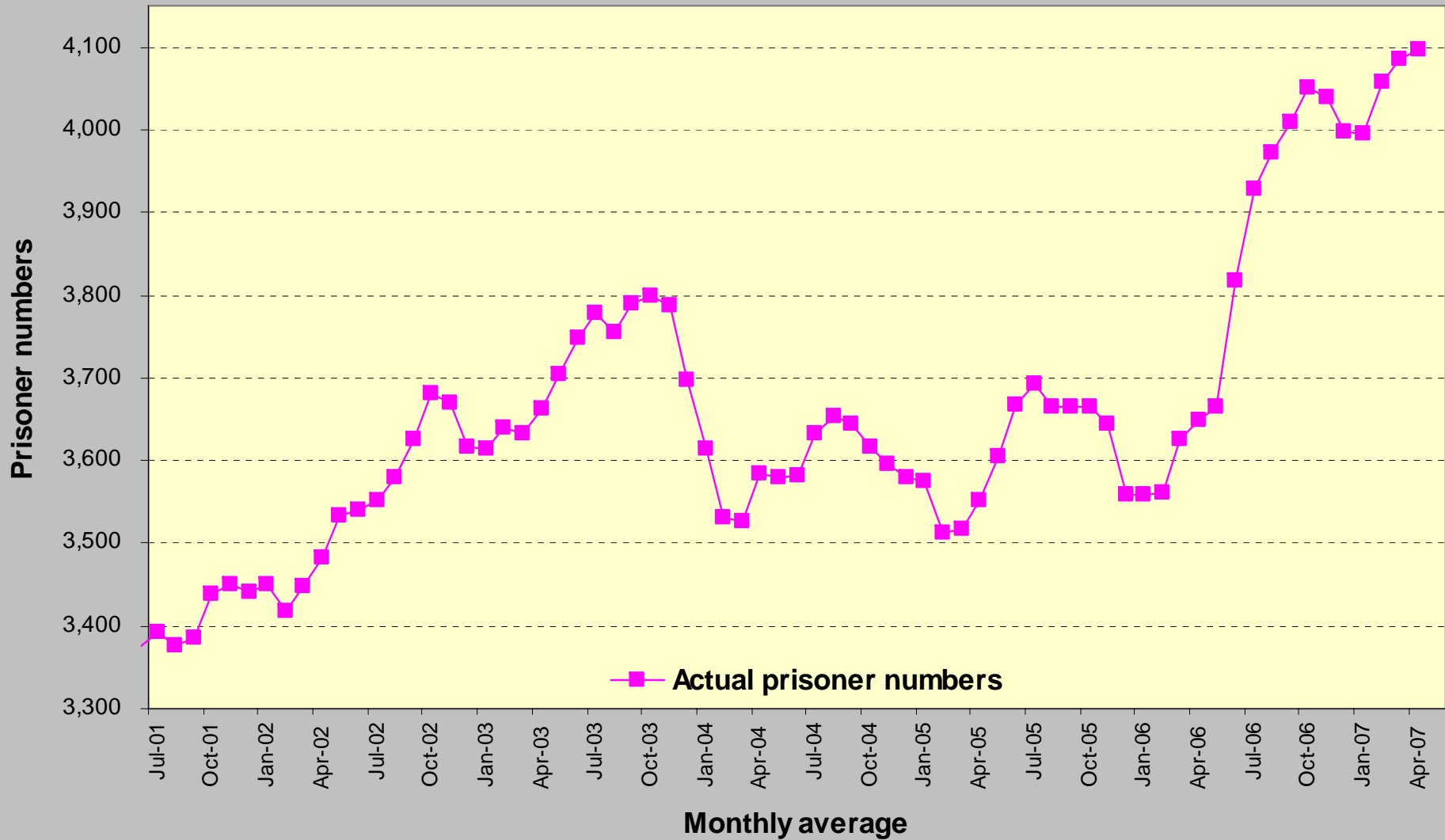
- **Prisoners/Offenders in the system**
 - 3,849 male / 253 female prisoners*
 - 1,381 on parole (incl. interstate & Commonwealth parole)
 - 7,512 community corrections offenders (incls parolees)
- **Correctional facilities in Victoria**
 - **Prisons:** 11 public; two private
 - **CCS:** 50 locations
 - **Transition Centre:** one
 - **Staff:** incls. Prisons, CCS, Head Office: 2,385



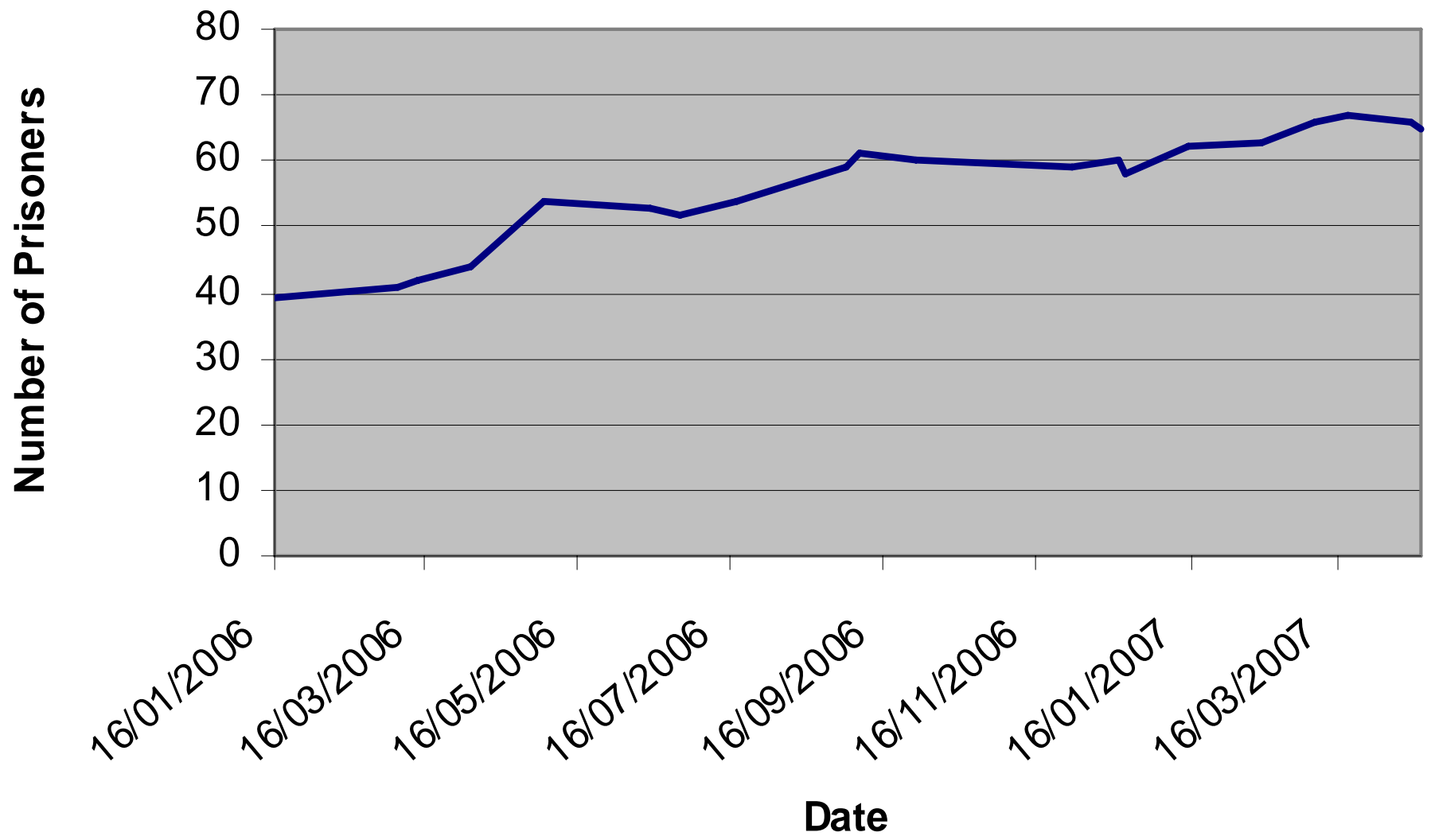
**As of 7 May 2007*

Judy Lazarus Transition Centre

Monthly average prisoners July 2001 to April 2007



Major Offenders in Prison



New Initiatives



- **\$25m to over five years to expand prison capacity**
 - Funding for 300 additional prison beds
- **Programs to help rehabilitate**
 - \$6.6m to continue home detention
- **Graffiti initiative**
 - \$4.5m over three years for graffiti prevention and removal



Graffiti Removal Program: trailer

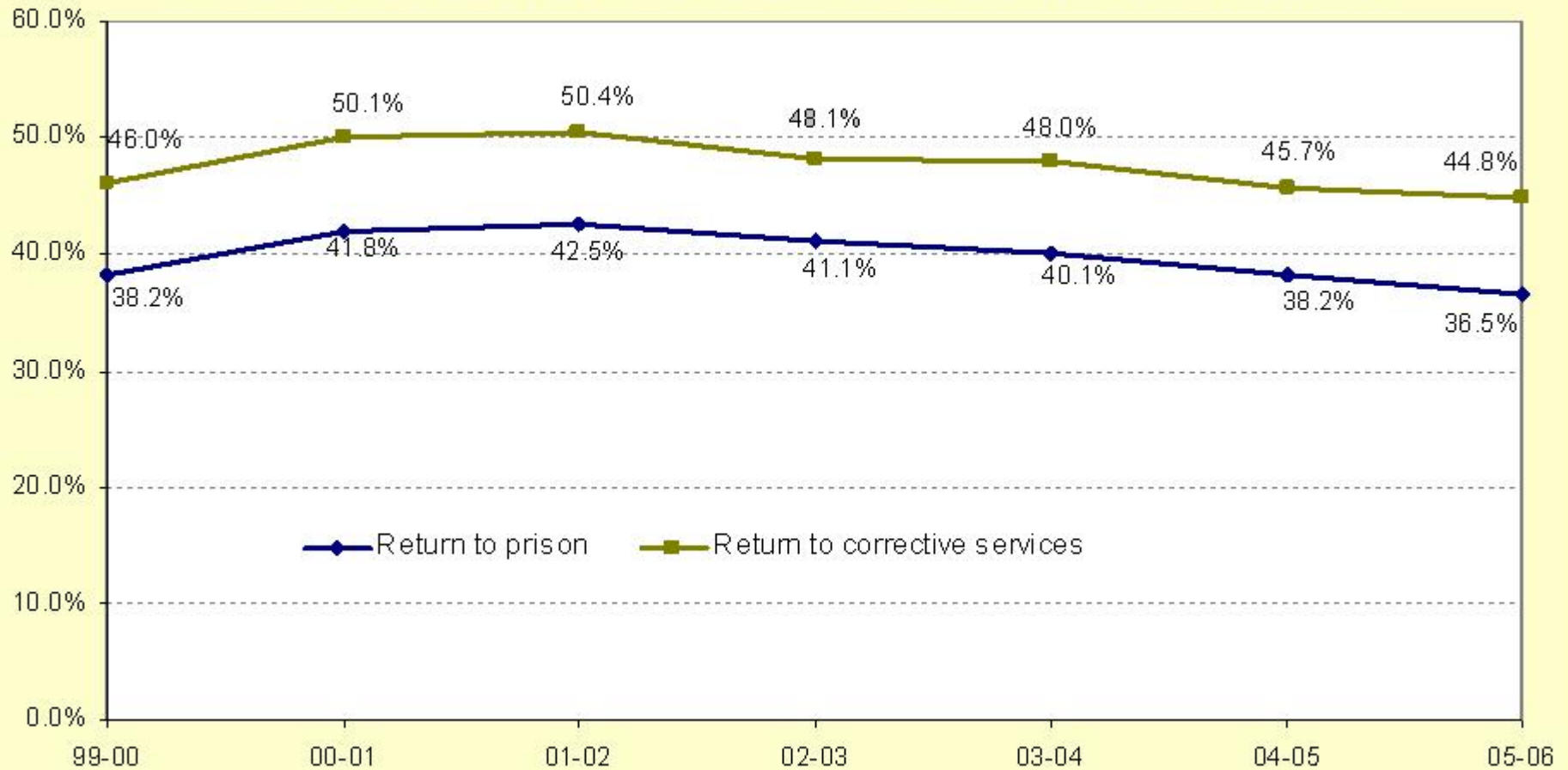
Imprisonment Rates - Australian States and Territories at 30 June 2006



*Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics:
Prisoners in Australia 2006*

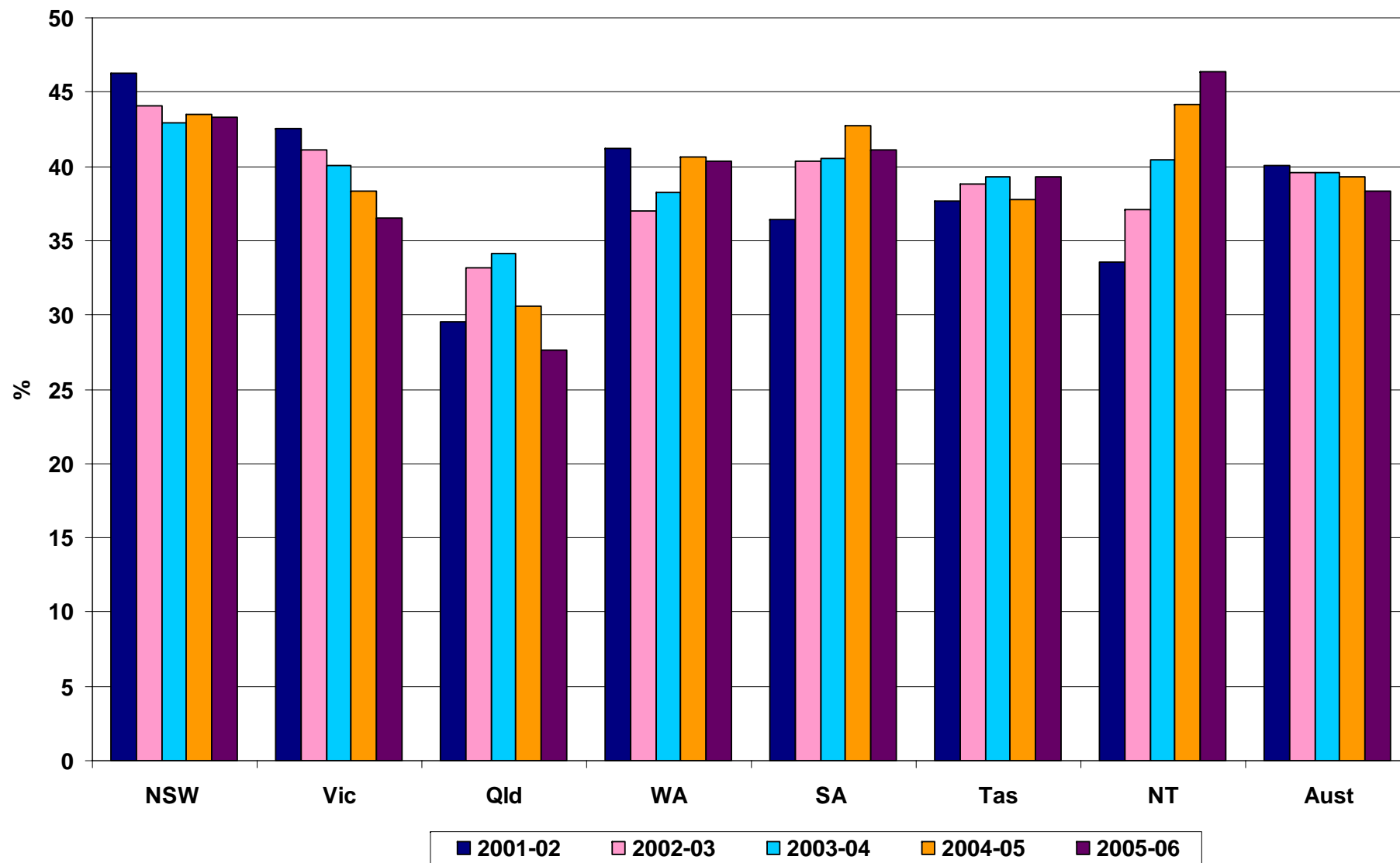
RECIDIVISM IN VICTORIA

Prisoners who return to prison and corrective services within two years



Source: Corrections Victoria May 2007

Prisoners returning to prison within two years of release



Conclusion



- **Modern prison infrastructure**
 - Marngoneet Correctional Centre; MRC; JLTC
 - Purpose built and reflecting modern correctional practice
- **Offender Management Framework**
 - Balancing security with reducing reoffending
- **Sustained downward trend in recidivism**
 - Leading Australia
- **Victoria: the leader in correctional practice**
 - No. 1 destination for other States/Territories and overseas delegations
- **Expect growth in prison population**
 - Reflects government's focus on community safety and law and order agenda
- **Prison Master plan**
 - Ongoing development

