

Corrections

...future directions in offender management.

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Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
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Corrections system



- **Prisoners/Offenders in the system**

- 3,940 male / 245 female = 4,185 prisoners *
- 1,458 on parole (inc. Interstate & Commonwealth parole)
- 7,811 community corrections offenders (inc. parolees)

- **Correctional facilities in Victoria**

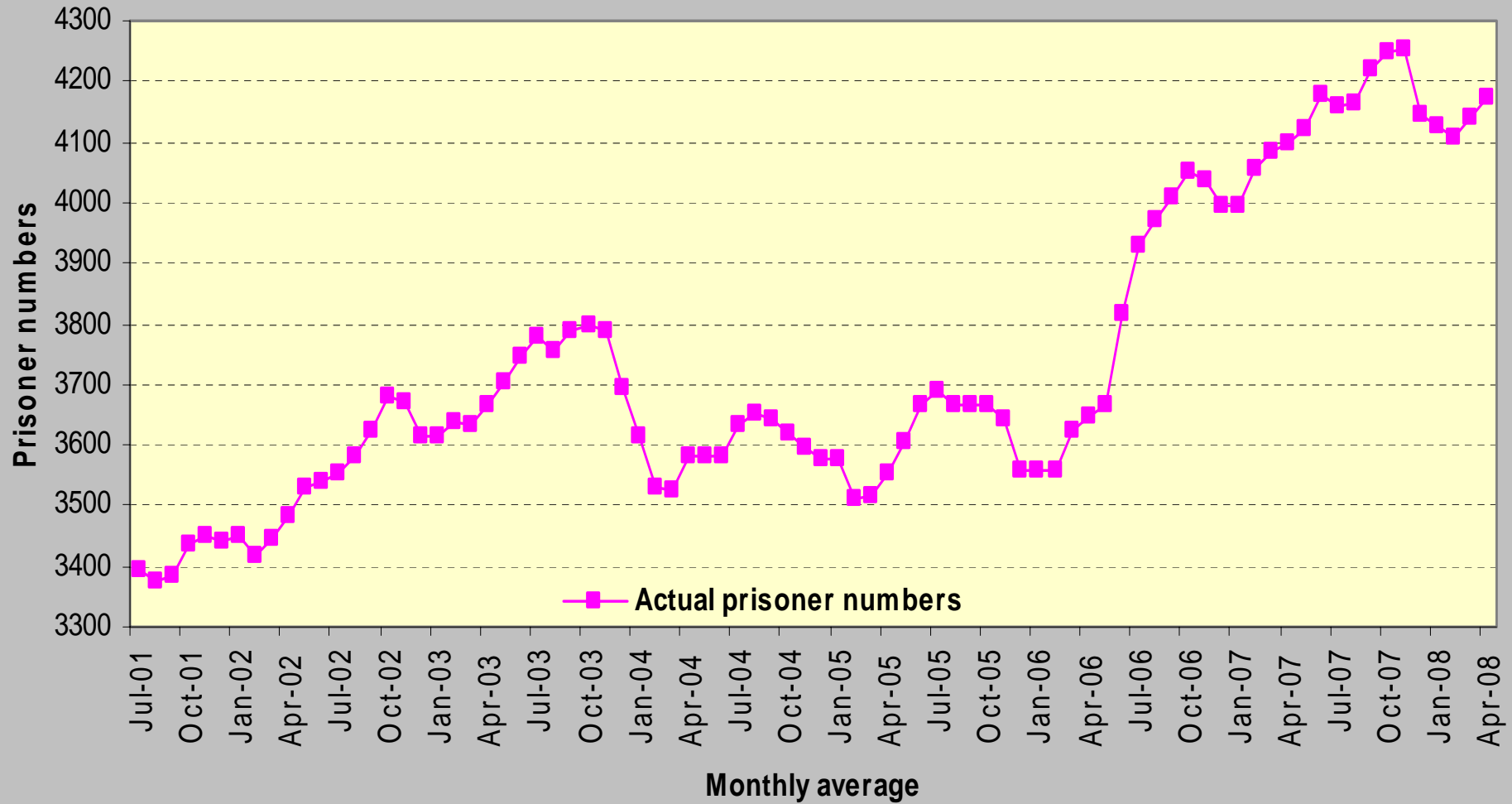
- **Staff** (Prisons, CCS, Head Office): 2,513 (FTE)
- **Prisons:** 11 public; two private
- **CCS:** 60 locations
- **Transition Centre:** one



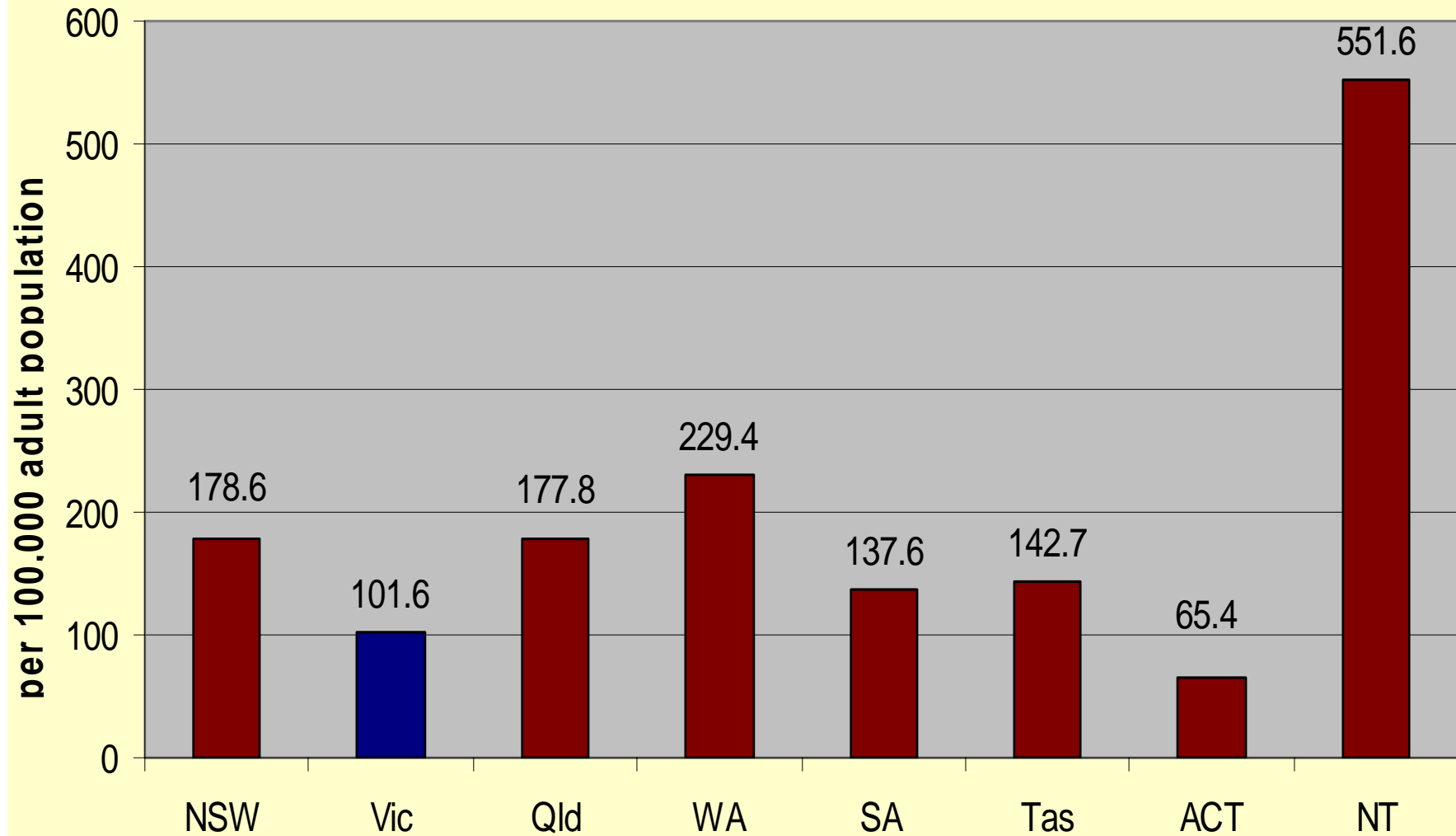
**As at 13 May 2008*

Dame Phyllis Frost Centre

Monthly average prisoners July 2001 to April 2008



Imprisonment Rates - Australian States and Territories at 30 June 2007



Achievements



- **Community Work - Graffiti initiative**
 - Integral to community work programs across Victoria
 - Operates across 14 community corrections locations
 - Equivalent of 13 MCG playing fields of unsightly vandalism has been removed
- **Better Pathways - \$25.5 million investment**
 - Infrastructure works and program initiatives completed
- **Management of High Security Prisoners**
 - High security prisoners include gangland figures and prisoners on witness protection



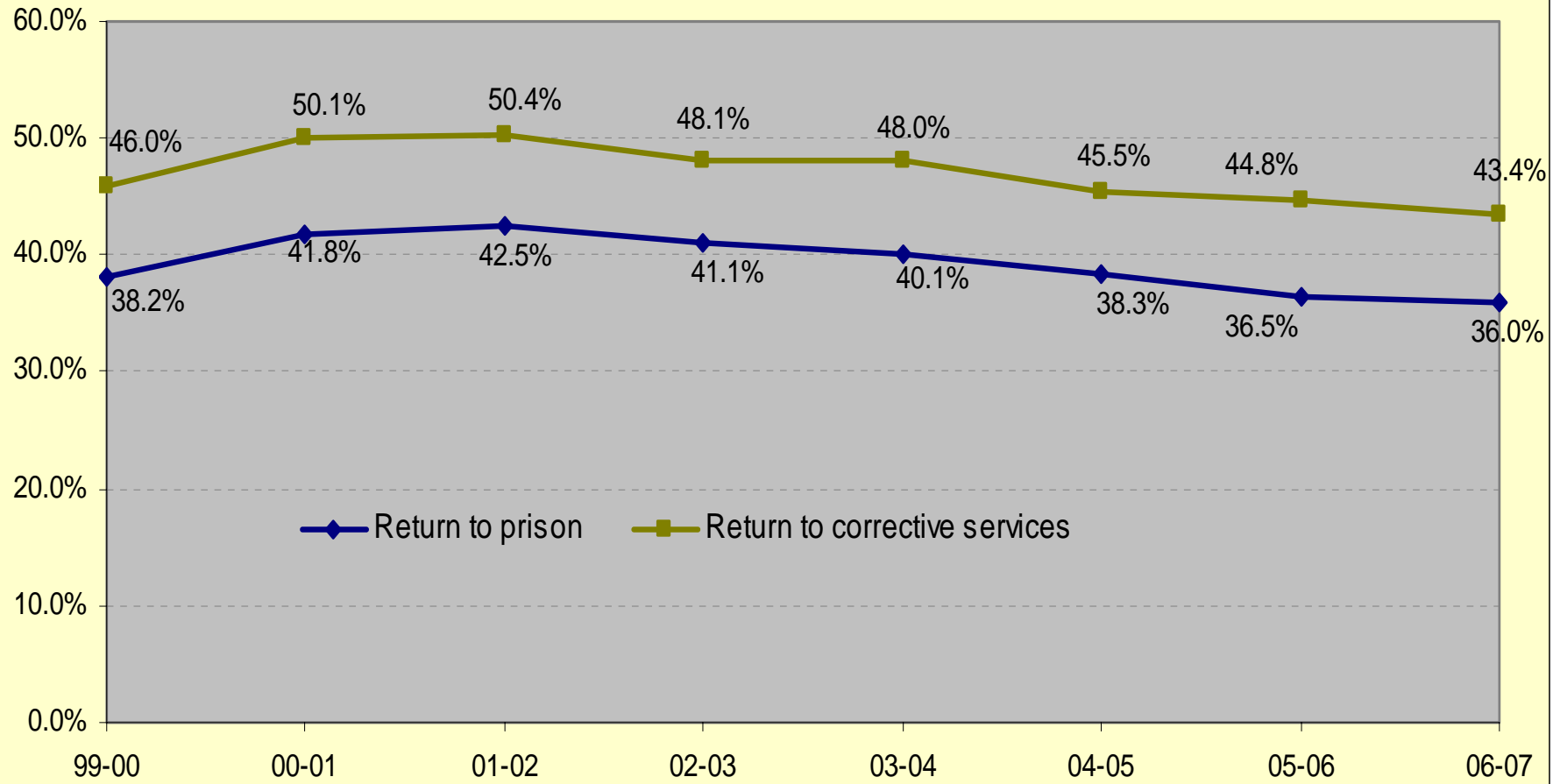
*Better Pathways building program
- multi purpose programs building*



Melaleuca Unit @ Barwon Prison

RECIDIVISM IN VICTORIA

Prisoners who return to prison and corrective services within two years

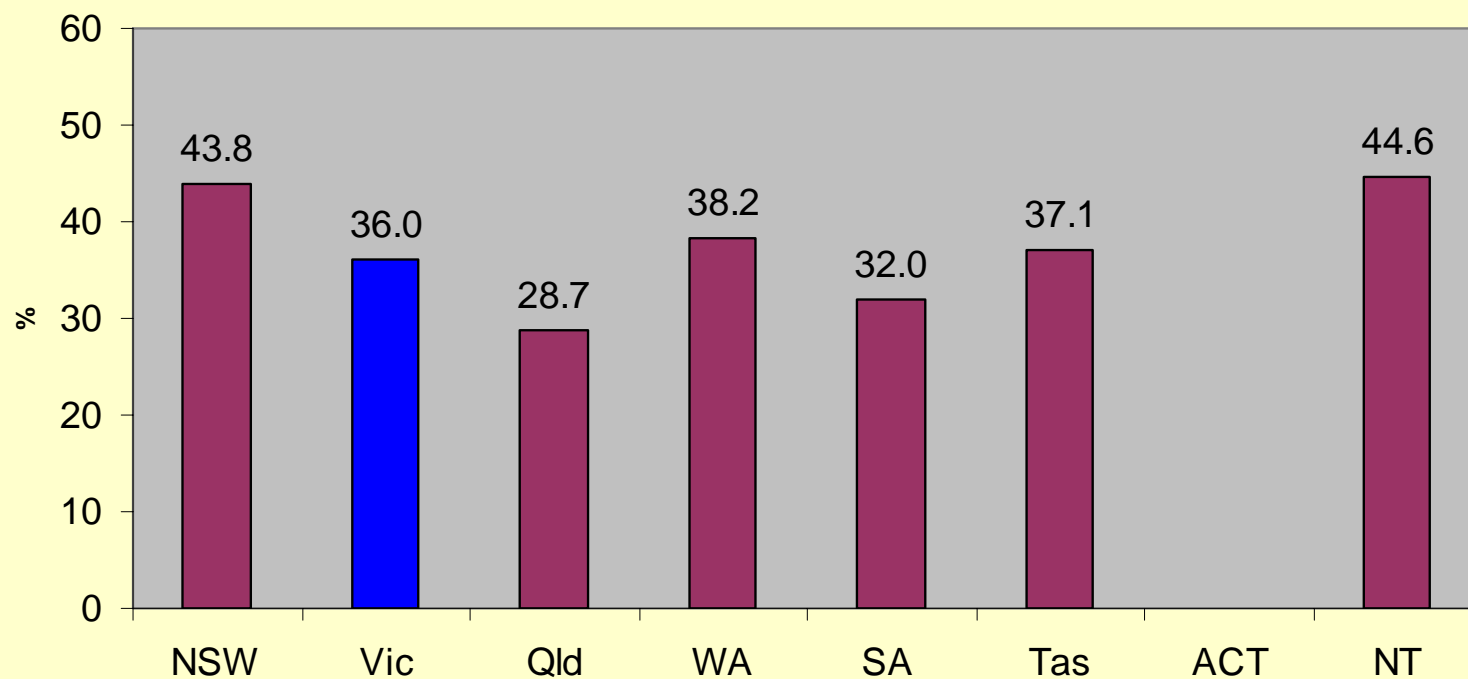


Recidivism rates: Comparison with other States

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Prisoners returning to prison within two years of release



Source: Report on Government Services 2008

Challenges



- Projected growth in prison numbers
- Detecting drugs and other contraband
- Sex offenders in the community
- Management of high security prisoners

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Building Confidence in Corrections



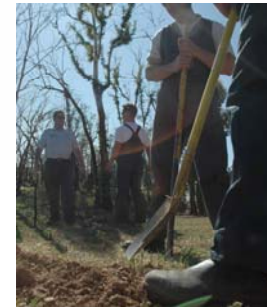
- New Facilities
 - 594 new beds
- Additional Staff
 - Over 100 new staff at Ararat



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Conclusion – looking forward

- **Environmental Management in Victoria's prisons**
- **Prison Master Plan**
- **Addressing Indigenous over-representation in the Justice System**
 - Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place – a key initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement.



*Supervised
prisoner
work crew*



*Residential unit at Wulgunggo Ngalu
Learning Place*

