

Department of Justice Corrections

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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The Hon Bob Cameron MP
Minister for Corrections

Corrections system data

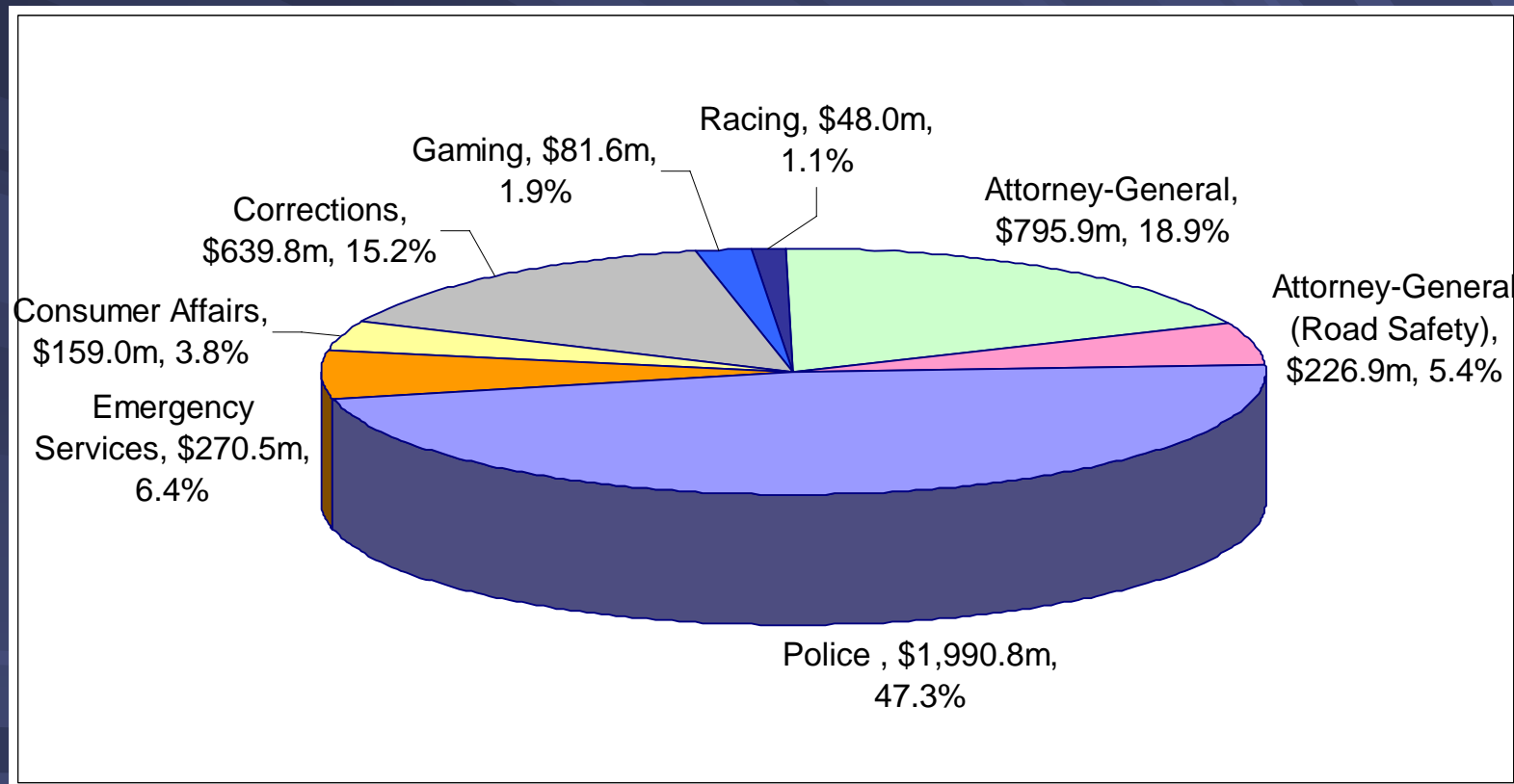
■ Prisoners/Offenders in the system (11 May 2010)

- 4,232 male / 320 female = 4,552 prisoners
- 1,530 on parole
- 9,116 community corrections offenders (incls parolees)

■ Correctional facilities in Victoria (11 May 2010)

- **Staff:** 2,679 (EFT)
- **Prisons:** 11 public; 2 private
- **CCS:** 54 locations: 26 full-time, 28 reporting and part-time
- **Transition Centre:** Judy Lazarus Transition Centre
- **Residential Facility:** Corella Place

Justice Budget Breakdown - 2010

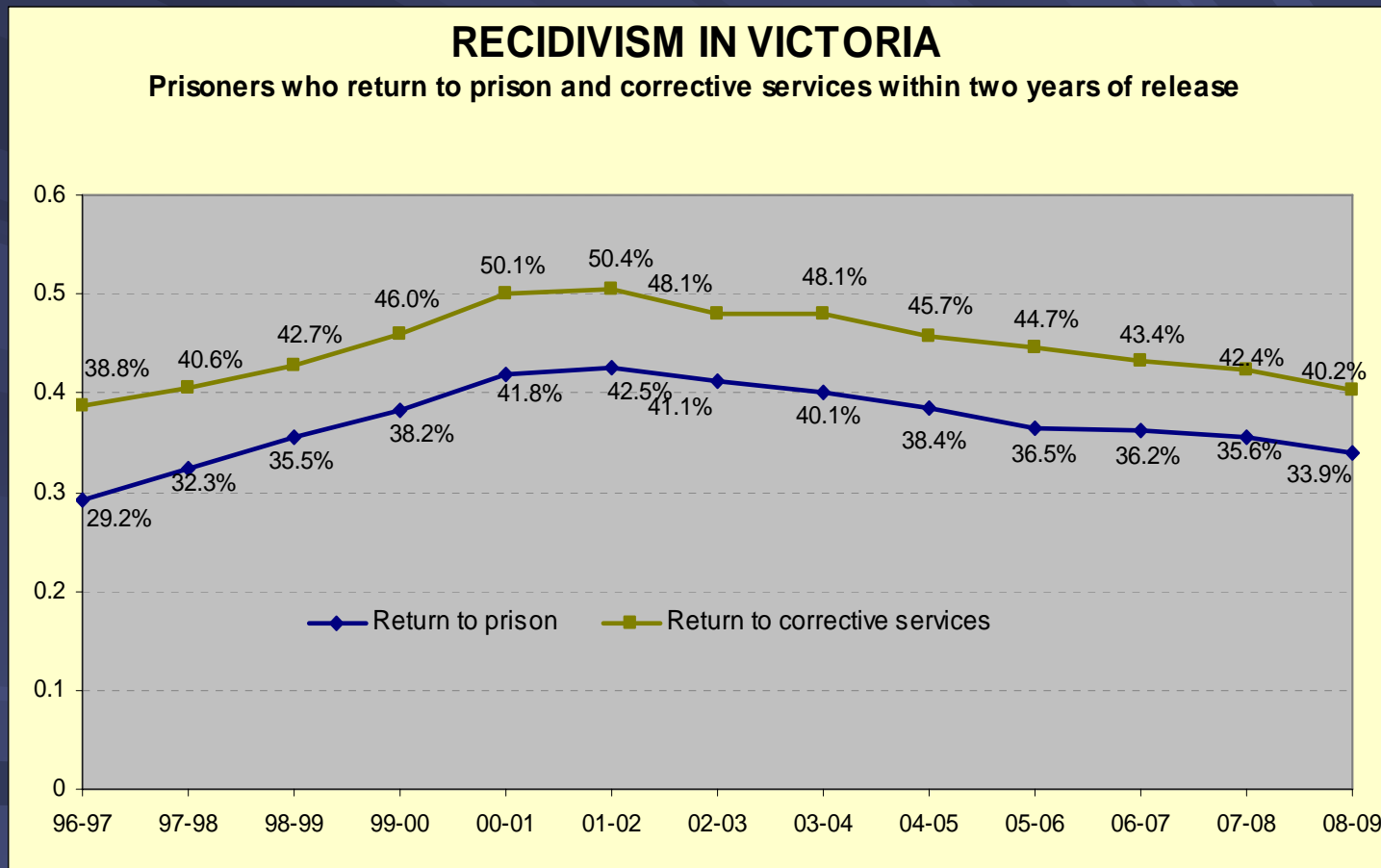


Key Priorities

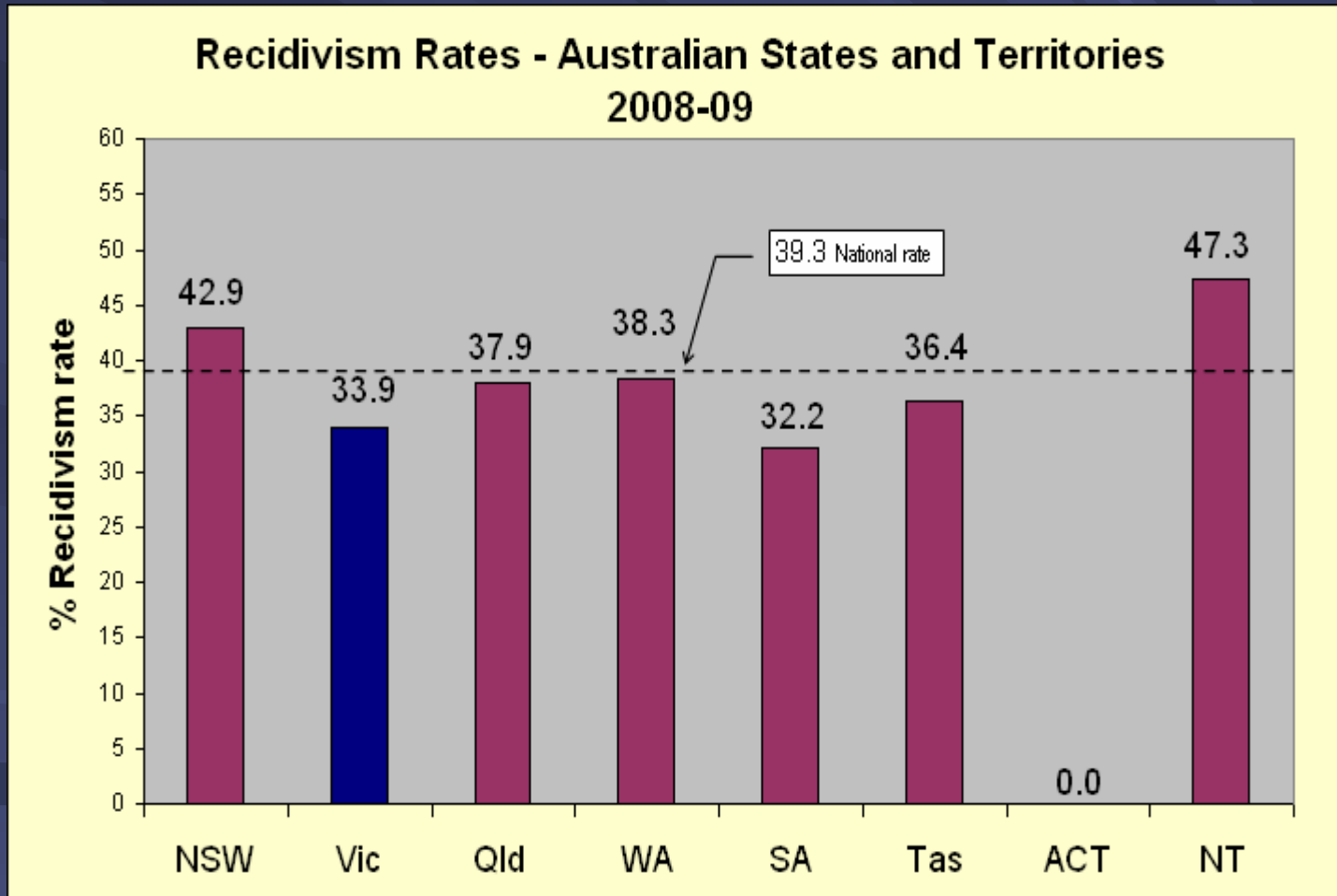
The key priorities for the corrections portfolio are:

- Enforcing the sentences of the courts
- Reducing re-offending through offender rehabilitation and community reintegration
- Promoting opportunities for offenders to repay the community

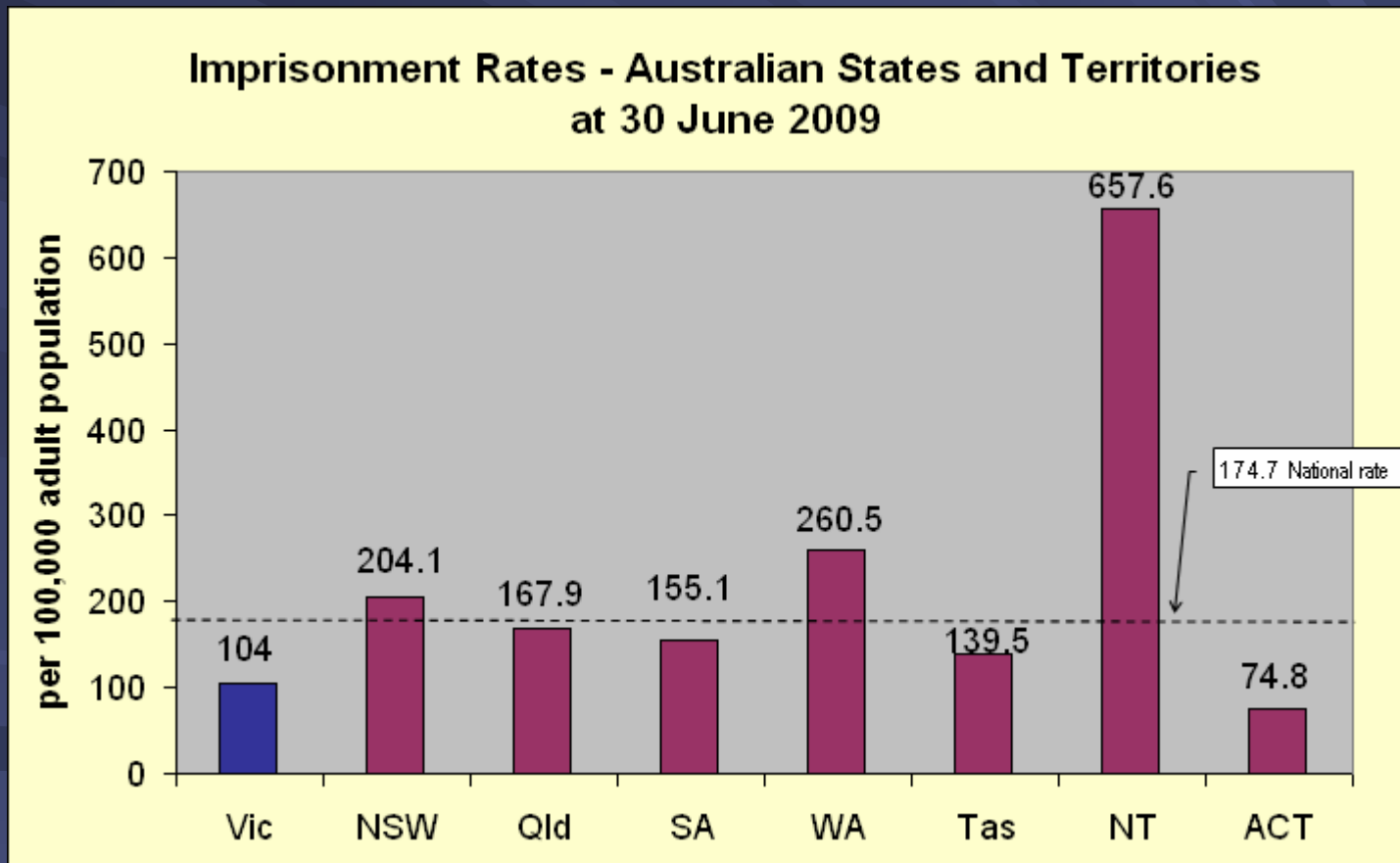
Recidivism Rates



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Imprisonment Rates



Major Activity

Prison infrastructure

- 191 additional beds across the male prison system since July 2009, with a further 40 due for completion by end May 2010
- 350 additional beds at Ararat Prison



New beds at Dhurringile Prison



Beechworth Correctional Centre

Major Activity

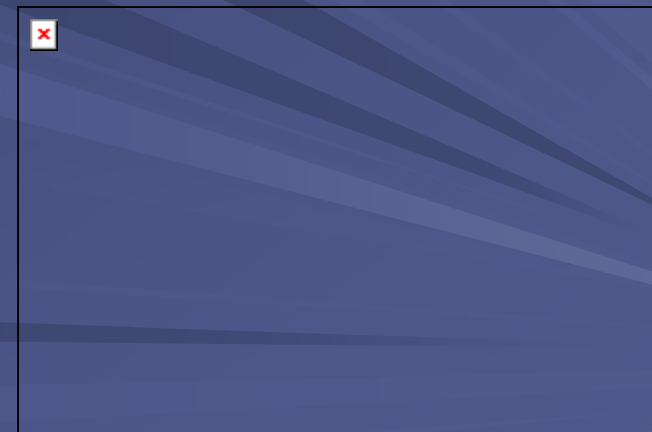
- Effective management of offenders by Community Correctional Services
- Auditor-General's report tabled November 2009
 - Commended the robust Offender Management Framework used by CCS
 - Acknowledged that offenders are being managed effectively on their orders
 - Recognised the value of the CCS quality assurance process at the local, regional and state-wide levels
- Community Correctional Services managing around 9,000 offenders

Major Activity

- Improving Justice outcomes for Indigenous people:
 - Refining mainstream programs to be more inclusive and responsive to Indigenous offenders
 - CV is the lead agency in relation to Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place and the KONNECT program

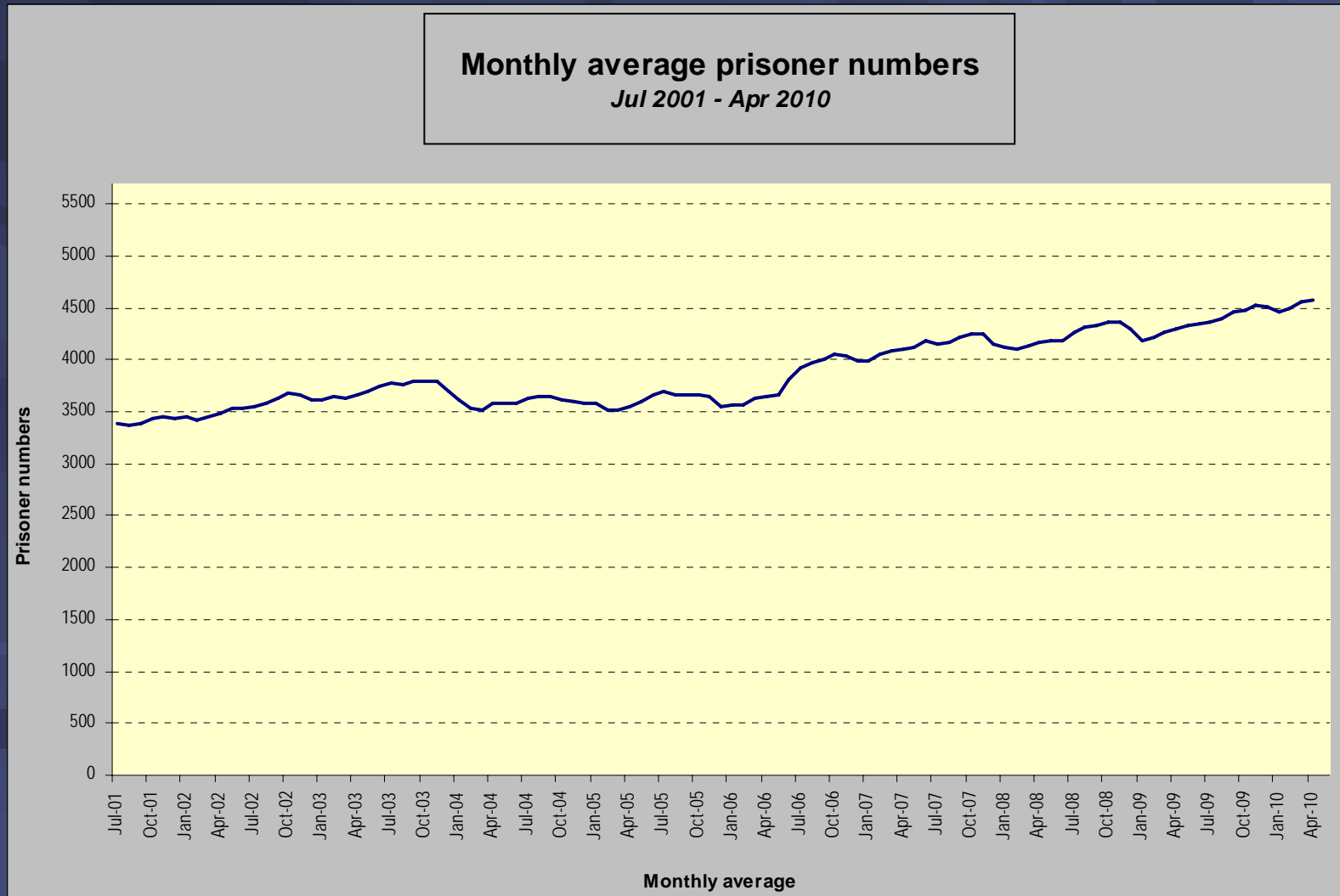


Indigenous Services Officers



Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place

Monthly Average Prisoner Numbers



2010-11 Budget

- Women's prison system - \$59 million over 4 years, and \$22 million TEI
- Better Pathways Strategy - \$26 million over 4 years to continue programs to address women's re-offending
- Men's prison system - \$18 million over 4 years, and \$28 million TEI for an additional 85 beds

Putting prisoners/offenders to work in the community

- Graffiti Removal Program
- Bushfire recovery work



Prisoners at work repairing fences after the bushfires

The Future

2010-2011 initiatives

- Additional beds in the men's system
- Additional beds in the women's system
- Better Pathways continuation of programs

Challenge

- Meet demand in the women's prison system
- Better Pathways – continue programs to address women's offending and re-offending



Dame Phyllis Frost Centre – maximum security women's prison

