

FACT SHEET

CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2013

This Bill contains provisions that:

- clarify and limit the use of force in relation to prisoners and detainees;
- clarify and limit the use of restraints in relation to prisoners and detainees;
- Remove the provision that allows people on remand in prison to retain their own clothing whilst detained, but allow them access to it when appearing in court;
- allow detainees to be paid for work for which they volunteer;
- ensure any costs associated with property deliberately lost by prisoners or detainees are not borne by the Tasmania Prison Service;
- Change the time limits associated with prisoner leave permits;
- Ensure any costs associated with inmates undertaking paid employment in the community are not borne by the Tasmania Prison Service (for instance, taxi or other fares between the prison and the employment location).
- Include references to state service employees employed by the prison in a number of sections of the Act which presently reference only corrections officers.
- Make a series of amendments to the official visitor's provisions to make the scheme more flexible and aligned more closely with the scheme that which exists for official visitors to mental health facilities.
- allow the Director of Corrective Services to temporarily appoint both correctional officers and probation officers from interstate as corrections officers and probation officers for the purpose of the *Corrections Act 1997*.