

## Executive Summary to Inspection Report Brisbane Youth Detention Centre December quarter 2014

Under section 263 (1) of the *Youth Justice Act 1992*, the chief executive is responsible for the security and management of each youth detention centre, the safe custody and wellbeing of children detained in these centres. Section 263 (4) also requires that the chief executive must monitor the operation of the detention centres and inspect each detention centre at least once every three months.

The inspection function for youth detention centres is delegated to Inspectors of the Youth Detention Inspectorate, Ethical Standards Unit.

The statutory inspection of the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre (BYDC) occurred from 24-28 November 2014.

The primary focus of the December inspection involved confirmation that the Director-General's approved recommendations had been implemented and that the desired outcomes were beneficial to the operations of the centre.

Six recommendations were inspected against and involved a diverse range of matters including:

- A. The development of a working party focusing on the needs of female young people in detention to assist with the successful transition of female young people to the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre, scheduled to occur in January 2015.
- B. The development of policies on programs promoting reintegration opportunities for young people which will assist the young person upon release from detention.
- C. The involvement of caseworkers and/or psychologists to attend BYDC during or immediately post serious incidents which occur after hours or on weekends.
- D. The implementation of a centre-wide behaviour development model that assists addressing the young people's offending behaviour, is evidenced based, and assists the young person to demonstrate pro-social behaviours which can be utilised in the community upon release from detention.
- E. The monitoring of incidents involving mechanical restraints on young people to ensure that all such usage is in accordance with legislation.
- F. A confidential complaints system which allows young people in detention to make a formal and confidential complaint directly to the Centre Executive Director.

The Inspectors identified that four of the six recommendations had been implemented as required.

One recommendations (D) had not been implemented. Inspectors were advised that recommendation D will be included in a larger review of the structured day and involve input from relevant stakeholders such as Department of Education and Training.