

## Executive Summary to Inspection Report Cleveland Youth Detention Centre December quarter 2013

The statutory inspection of the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre (CYDC) occurred from 18-22 November 2013. The end of year inspection involved physically inspecting that Director-General-approved recommendations from previous inspections of CYDC have been implemented as required.

At the time of the inspection some existing buildings were being demolished as part of the scheduled expansion project (second and final stage). The construction work is scheduled throughout 2014. Reference to that work is made in this report as acknowledgment of some of the challenges currently being experienced within the centre. As mentioned in previous inspection reports it is important to recognise this challenge as it involves contractors and vehicles entering and exiting the secure perimeter of the centre on a regular basis which can present additional security issues within the centre. The additional activity occurs during the daily routine of ensuring that young people access school, therapeutic and recreational programs, visits and medical services, without compromising the safety and security of the centre and staff.

The majority of reviewed recommendations derived from the 2012–2013 inspection period. A small number of recommendations remained from 2011 and involved some more detailed and longer-term strategies to address the original findings. Of the 32 recommendations made, 25 had been fully implemented (approximately 78%), six remain active as additional work is required and one is no longer valid due to the machinery of government change that occurred in 2012.

The main findings of the inspection were that CYDC remains in the process of improving and implementing an enhanced behavioural development model which is intended to assist staff to effectively develop and address the young people's behaviour on a daily basis. The previous behaviour development model assessed the young people on a weekly basis, and as such did not provide staff with an opportunity to address the young people's behaviour in a timely manner.

Instead, the new behavioural development system provides young people who demonstrate appropriate behaviour with an approved incentive at the end of each shift, such as a television in their room at night. Access to incentives is not given to those young people who do not earn sufficient marks as a result of inappropriate behaviour. Management advised Inspectors that the envisaged outcomes of the new behavioural development model included a reduction of reportable incidents and improved behaviour of the young people in custody.