



We released our wellbeing inspection report on 23 December 2024. This report covers issues like how you are treated, property, religious and spiritual needs, sport and recreation, canteen, pays and clothing.

You can ask for a copy from the Ron Barwick Library or read it on the R drive in the 'Office of the Custodial Inspector' folder.

Thank you to everyone who spoke to us during the inspection.

Below is a summary of some of the findings from our report.

What changed since our last wellbeing inspection in 2017:

- More clothing including socks and underwear are provided to you on reception
- Second hand underwear is no longer given to people in LRP
- Clothing is now washed in laundry bags to prevent loss
- The Unilink system was introduced to allow funds to be deposited into your accounts electronically
- Statewide Property became fully functioning
- The arts and crafts budget for all facilities has increased

What we found during these inspections:

- Frequent lockdowns impact your wellbeing
- The process for contacting and complaining to the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner needs to be improved
- The lack of remand facilities for women is concerning
- Not all people who work are provided with suitable work clothing
- There are limited cultural supports for Aboriginal people

- Gym equipment across facilities is in need of repair
- Allowances have not increased in some time
- The establishment of Statewide Property has been a positive change

We made 18 recommendations to improve wellbeing in prison.

These covered issues like:

- Providing better quality shoes to you
- Ensuring consistent laundry service so you always have clean clothes
- Reviewing allowances to make sure they are fair
- Providing people in custody with a savings account
- Providing education about budgeting
- Adding more high protein foods to the canteen
- Making canteen forms easier to read
- Including deodorant in the level one toiletries pack

The Department of Justice's response to our recommendations are in the report. 15 of the recommendations were accepted in full and three were accepted in part. Positively, your pay/allowances increased by 10% on 6 December 2024, the first increase in many years.

Got a question? Ask us

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