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**The Parliament of Victoria enacts as follows:**

**PART 1—PRELIMINARY**

**1. Purposes**

The purposes of this Act are—

- (a) to provide for the establishment management and security of prisons and the welfare of prisoners; and
- (b) to provide for the administration of services related to community-based corrections and for the welfare of offenders; and
- (c) to provide for other correctional services.

**2. Commencement**

This Act comes into operation on a day or days to be proclaimed.

**3. Definitions**

(1) In this Act—

**"Commissioner"** means the person employed as Commissioner for the purposes of this Act;

S. 3  
amended by  
No. 72/2001  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 4.2) (ILA  
s. 39B(1)).

S. 3(1) def. of  
"Commis-  
sioner"  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 23(2).

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S. 3(1) def. of "Commission" substituted as def. of "Committee" by No. 45/1996 s. 4(a).

**"Committee"** means the Prison Industry Advisory Committee established under Part 8B;

S. 3(1) def. of "Commission farm" repealed by No. 45/1996 s. 4(b).

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S. 3(1) def. of "Commission industrial site" repealed by No. 45/1996 s. 4(c).

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**"community corrections officer"** means a community corrections officer appointed under Part 4;

S. 3(1) def. of "community-based order" amended by No. 49/1991 s. 119(7)(Sch. 4 item 3.1).

**"community-based order"** means a community-based order under Division 3 of Part 3 of the **Sentencing Act 1991**;

**"community corrections centre"** means a community corrections centre established under Part 9;

S. 3(1) def. of "contractor" inserted by No. 11/1993 s. 4(2), substituted by No. 94/1994 s. 4(a), amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 1(a)).

**"contractor"** means—

- (a) a party to an agreement with the Minister under section 8B(1); or
- (b) a party to an agreement with the Secretary under section 9(1); or
- (c) a party to an agreement with the Chief Commissioner of Police under section 9AA(1);

"**correctional order**" means any of the following—

- (a) a community-based order;
- (b) a parole order;
- (c) an intensive correction order;
- (d) a direction under section 107(1)(a) of the **Sentencing Act 1991** that a person be released on giving an undertaking that has as a condition that the person be under the supervision of a community corrections officer;
- (e) a direction under section 107(1)(b) of the **Sentencing Act 1991** that a person be released on parole;
- (f) a supervision order under the **Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997** that includes a condition with respect to supervision of the person subject to the order by a community corrections officer;
- (g) a combined custody and treatment order;
- (h) a drug treatment order (as defined in section 3(1) of the **Sentencing Act 1991**);
- (i) a home detention order under this Act or under section 18ZT of the **Sentencing Act 1991**;

S. 3(1) def. of "correctional order" amended by Nos 44/1991 s. 6(a), 49/1991 s. 119(7) (Sch. 4 item 3.2(a)(b)), 11/1993 s. 7(1)(a), 65/1997 s. 81(a), 45/2001 s. 23(1), 2/2002 s. 12, 53/2003 s. 11(2).

"**correctional services**" means the following services—

- (a) prisons and services related to prisons or prisoners;

S. 3(1) def. of "correctional services" amended by Nos 44/1991 s. 6(b), 94/1994 s. 4(b).

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- (b) services related to parole and programmes for persons subject to correctional orders;
- (c) community corrections centres regional centres and locations and services related to community corrections centres regional centres and locations;
- (d) community-based programmes and services related to the administration of community-based orders;

S. 3(1) def. of "Director-General" repealed by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 1(b)).

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S. 3(1) def. of "domestic partner" inserted by No. 72/2001 s. 3(Sch. item 4.1).

**"domestic partner"** of a person means a person to whom the person is not married but with whom the person is living as a couple on a genuine domestic basis (irrespective of gender);

S. 3(1) def. of "escort officer" inserted by No. 45/2001 s. 3(2).

**"escort officer"** means—

- (a) a prison officer; or
- (b) an escort officer employed under Part 4;

S. 3(1) def. of "fingerprints" inserted by No. 35/2002 s. 7(1).

**"fingerprints"** includes finger, palm, toe and sole prints, whether taken by impression or by means of a device to obtain a record of the fingerprints;

Example: Fingerprints may be taken by a scanning device to obtain a digital record of the fingerprints.

S. 3(1) def. of "function" inserted by No. 22/1996 s. 3.

**"function"** includes duty;

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**"Governor"** means the Governor of a prison and includes a person nominated by the Secretary to act as the Governor of a prison;

S. 3(1) def. of "Governor" amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 1(c)).

**"Health Services Commissioner"** means the Commissioner as defined in the **Health Services (Conciliation and Review) Act 1987**;

S. 3(1) def. of "Health Services Commissioner" inserted by No. 45/2001 s. 23(2).

**"home detention order"** means a home detention order made under Division 4 of Part 8;

S. 3(1) def. of "home detention order" inserted by No. 53/2003 s. 11(1).

**"Human Rights Commissioner"** means the Human Rights Commissioner appointed under the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act 1986 of the Commonwealth;

S. 3(1) def. of "Human Rights Commissioner" inserted by No. 45/2001 s. 23(2).

**"lawyer"** means a person admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court;

**"letter"**, in relation to a prisoner, means a document containing a communication to, or from, the prisoner, and includes any article accompanying the document;

S. 3(1) def. of "letter" inserted by No. 45/2001 s. 23(2).

**"location"** means any of the following places—

- (a) a community corrections centre;
- (b) a place at which an offender is by a correctional order required to live;
- (c) a place which an offender is by a correctional order or Part 9 required to attend for educational recreation or for any other purpose;

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S. 3(1) def. of  
"medical  
officer"  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

**"medical officer"** means a medical officer  
employed under Part 4;

S. 3(1) def. of  
"near relative"  
inserted by  
No. 72/2001  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 4.1).

**"near relative"** of a prisoner means—

- (a) a partner of the prisoner;
- (b) a parent or grandparent of the prisoner  
or of a partner of the prisoner;
- (c) a child or grandchild (of any age) of the  
prisoner or of a partner of the prisoner;
- (d) a sibling of the prisoner or of a partner  
of the prisoner;

S. 3(1) def. of  
"partner"  
inserted by  
No. 72/2001  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 4.1).

**"offender"** means a person of whatever age who  
is the subject of a correctional order;

**"partner"** of a person means the person's spouse  
or domestic partner;

**"police gaol"** means a police gaol under Part 3;

**"position"** means office;

S. 3(1) def. of  
"principal  
medical  
officer"  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

**"principal medical officer"** means a principal  
medical officer employed under Part 4;

S. 3(1) def. of  
"prison"  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 4(d).

**"prison"** means a prison under Part 3 and  
includes a prison industry site;

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**"prisoner"** means a person who under Part 1A is deemed to be in the legal custody of the Secretary;

S. 3(1) def. of "prisoner" amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 1(d)), substituted by No. 45/2001 s. 3(1).

**"prison industry site"** means a place appointed as a prison industry site under section 84F;

S. 3(1) def. of "prison industry site" inserted by No. 45/1996 s. 4(e).

**"prison officer"** means a prison officer employed under Part 4;

**"Regional Manager"** means a Regional Manager appointed under Part 4;

**"relative"** of a prisoner means—

- (a) a partner of the prisoner;
- (b) a parent or grandparent of the prisoner or of a partner of the prisoner;
- (c) a child or grandchild (of any age) of the prisoner or of a partner of the prisoner;
- (d) a sibling of the prisoner or of a partner of the prisoner;
- (e) a child (of any age) of a sibling of the prisoner or of a sibling of a partner of the prisoner;
- (f) a child (of any age) of a sibling of a parent of the prisoner or of a sibling of a parent of a partner of the prisoner;

S. 3(1) def. of "relative" inserted by No. 72/2001 s. 3(Sch. item 4.1).



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S. 3(1) def. of "Secretary" inserted by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 1(e)), amended by Nos 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1), 108/2004 s. 117(1) (Sch. 3 item 45.1).

"**Secretary**" means Secretary to the Department of Justice under the **Public Administration Act 2004** and includes a person acting as the Secretary to the Department of Justice under that Act;

S. 3(1) def. of "spouse" inserted by No. 72/2001 s. 3(Sch. item 4.1).

"**spouse**" of a person means a person to whom the person is married;

S. 3(1) def. of "sub-contractor" inserted by No. 94/1994 s. 4(c).

"**sub-contractor**" means a sub-contractor of a contractor;

S. 3(1) def. of "supervise" inserted by No. 45/2001 s. 3(2).

"**supervise**", in relation to a prisoner or person, includes to take charge of and to hold the prisoner or person;

S. 3(1) def. of "transport" inserted by No. 45/2001 s. 3(2).

"**transport**" includes escort, bring, transfer, convey, take and deliver;

S. 3(1) def. of "victims register" inserted by No. 14/2004 s. 4.

"**victims register**" means the register established under the regulations for the purpose of recording persons entitled to be given information under section 30A and to make victim submissions;

S. 3(1) def. of "victim submission" inserted by No. 14/2004 s. 4.

"**victim submission**" means a submission made under section 74A to the Adult Parole Board;

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**"volunteer"** means a person whose name appears in the Register of Volunteers kept under Part 4.

- (2) For the purposes of the definition of "domestic partner" in sub-section (1), in determining whether persons are domestic partners of each other, all the circumstances of their relationship are to be taken into account, including any one or more of the matters referred to in section 275(2) of the **Property Law Act 1958** as may be relevant in a particular case.

S. 3(2)  
inserted by  
No. 72/2001  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 4.2).

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S. 4  
amended by  
Nos 16/1991  
s. 3(1)(a)(b),  
44/1991  
s. 6(c),  
49/1991  
s. 119(7)  
(Sch. 4  
item 3.3),  
45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 2(a)(b)),  
26/1997  
s. 12(6),  
repealed by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 4.

**5. Act to bind Crown**

This Act binds the Crown, not only in right of the State of Victoria but also, as far as the legislative power of the Parliament permits, the Crown in all its other capacities.

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S. 6  
repealed by  
No. 11/1993  
s. 7(1)(b).

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(Heading and  
ss 6–6F)  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
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New s. 6  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
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**6. Order of imprisonment**

In this Part, an order of imprisonment is—

- (a) a sentence of imprisonment imposed by a court; or
- (b) an order or warrant issued by a court requiring or directing the imprisonment of a person or the detention of a person in a prison or in a place of detention on court premises; or
- (c) a direction, order or warrant or other instrument made or issued under an Act requiring or directing or authorising the imprisonment of a person or the detention of a person in a prison or the transfer of a person to or from a prison or the return of a person to a prison; or
- (d) an order issued under an interstate law of a participating State within the meaning of the **Prisoners (Interstate Transfer) Act 1983** that corresponds with an order of transfer under that Act or an order issued under Part III of the Transfer of Prisoners Act 1985 of the Commonwealth.

S. 6A  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 5.

**6A. When is a person in the legal custody of the Secretary?**

- (1) A person is deemed to enter the legal custody of the Secretary when—
  - (a) an order of imprisonment is made in relation to the person; and

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- (b) either of the following events occurs—
- (i) a person acting under lawful authority on behalf of the Secretary takes physical custody of the person; or
  - (ii) a person at a prison acting under lawful authority on behalf of the Secretary receives the person into the prison.
- (2) A person who enters the legal custody of the Secretary under sub-section (1) is deemed to remain in that custody until that custody ceases under this Part.
- (3) This section applies to a person regardless of the person's age.

**6B. When does legal custody of the Secretary cease?**

S. 6B  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 5.

A person ceases to be in the legal custody of the Secretary—

- (a) on the expiration of the person's sentence of imprisonment, or if the person is serving more than one sentence of imprisonment, on the expiration of all of those sentences of imprisonment, unless the person is also in that custody for some other reason; or
- (b) when the Secretary acting under lawful direction or authority releases the person from the Secretary's legal custody; or
- (c) when the legal custody of the person is lawfully transferred from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Police or another person; or
- (d) if the person is in a prison or is in the physical custody of an officer within the meaning of Part 5 or an escort officer or of a person acting under lawful authority on behalf of the Secretary, when the person

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escapes from that prison or physical custody;  
or

- (e) if the person is in the community in the legal custody of the Secretary, when the person does anything that constitutes an offence under section 479C(2) or (3) of the **Crimes Act 1958**.

S. 6C  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 5.

**6C. Persons not regarded to be in the Secretary's legal custody**

- (1) Despite section 6A, the following persons are not to be regarded as being in the Secretary's legal custody—

- (a) a person who is on parole;
- (b) a person who is serving a combined custody and treatment order and who is in the community under that order;

S. 6C(1)(ba)  
inserted by  
No. 2/2002  
s. 13(1).

- (ba) a person who is subject to a drug treatment order and who is in the community under that order;

S. 6C(1)(bb)  
inserted by  
No. 53/2003  
s. 12.

- (bb) a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment by way of home detention;

- (c) a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment by way of intensive correction in the community;

- (d) a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment that was wholly or partly suspended and who is in the community in accordance with that sentence.

- (2) A person is on parole if there is in force a parole order relating to the person and the person is serving a sentence of imprisonment but is not detained in a prison.

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- (3) A person is in the community under a drug treatment order even if he or she is—
- (a) submitting to residential detoxification or other treatment in accordance with a program condition attached to the order; or
  - (b) at a place in accordance with an order under section 18ZL(1)(c) or (e) of the **Sentencing Act 1991**.

S. 6C(3)  
inserted by  
No. 2/2002  
s. 13(2).

**6D. When is a person in the legal custody of the Chief Commissioner of Police?**

S. 6D  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 5.

- (1) A person is deemed to enter the legal custody of the Chief Commissioner of Police for the purposes of this Act when—
- (a) an order of imprisonment is made in relation to the person, or an order is made by a court requiring the person to be held in police custody, or there is other lawful authority to detain the person in a police gaol; and
  - (b) either of the following events occurs—
    - (i) a member of the police force or a person acting under lawful authority on behalf of the Chief Commissioner takes physical custody of the person; or
    - (ii) a person at a police gaol acting under lawful authority on behalf of the Chief Commissioner receives the person into the police gaol.
- (2) A person is also deemed to enter into the legal custody of the Chief Commissioner when—
- (a) the person is remanded in custody by a court or a bail justice under the **Children and Young Persons Act 1989**; and

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- (b) a member of the police force or a person acting under lawful authority on behalf of the Chief Commissioner takes physical custody of the person.
- (3) A person who enters the legal custody of the Chief Commissioner of Police under sub-section (1) or (2) is deemed to remain in that custody until that custody ceases under this Part.
- (4) This section applies to a person regardless of the person's age.

**6E. When does legal custody of the Chief Commissioner cease?**

A person who is deemed by this Act to enter the legal custody of the Chief Commissioner of Police ceases to be in the legal custody of the Chief Commissioner—

- (a) on the expiration of the person's sentence of imprisonment, or if the person is serving more than one sentence of imprisonment, on the expiration of all of those sentences of imprisonment, unless the person is also in that custody for some other reason; or
- (b) when the Chief Commissioner acting under lawful direction or authority releases the person from the Chief Commissioner's legal custody; or
- (c) when the legal custody of the person is lawfully transferred from the Chief Commissioner to the Secretary or another person; or
- (d) if the person is in a police gaol or is in the physical custody of a member of the police force or of a person acting under lawful authority on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, when the person escapes from that police gaol or physical custody.

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**6F. Powers of court or tribunal not to be affected**

- (1) Every person in the legal custody of the Secretary under this Part who is brought before a court or tribunal remains in the legal custody of the Secretary, subject to any lawful order or direction of the court or tribunal.
- (2) Every person in the legal custody of the Chief Commissioner of Police under this Part who is brought before a court or tribunal remains in the legal custody of the Chief Commissioner, subject to any lawful order or direction of the court or tribunal.
- (3) The fact that a person appearing before a court or tribunal is in the legal custody of the Secretary or the Chief Commissioner of Police does not affect any power or authority of the court or tribunal to make orders or directions in relation to the person in respect of the proceedings before the court or tribunal.

S. 6F  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
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**7. Functions of Secretary**

S. 7(1)  
repealed by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 3(a)).

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S. 7(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 3(b)).

- (2) Nothing in this Act or the regulations is to be construed as conferring or imposing on the Secretary any functions, powers, duties or responsibilities in relation to the administration of hospital, medical, nursing and other health services provided for prisoners or offenders, or in connection with prisons, police gaols or locations.

S. 8  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
ss 14(2), 15(2),  
substituted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 5.

**8. Delegation**

S. 8(1)  
amended by  
Nos 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 4(a)(b)),  
46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

- (1) The Secretary may, by instrument, delegate to the Commissioner or to any other employee of the Department of Justice or to any officer within the meaning of Part 5 or Part 9 any function, power, duty or responsibility of the Secretary—

S. 8(1)(a)  
amended by  
Nos 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
108/2004  
s. 117(1)  
(Sch. 3  
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- (a) under this Act or the regulations or under any other Act other than the **Public Administration Act 2004**; or

S. 8(1)(ab)  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 24,  
amended by  
No. 108/2004  
s. 117(1)  
(Sch. 3  
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- (ab) under regulations made under any Act other than the **Public Administration Act 2004**;  
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(b) under an agreement under Part 2A—  
except this power of delegation and the Secretary's  
powers under section 54A.

- (2) The Secretary may under sub-section (1) delegate  
a function, power, duty or responsibility to a  
person or class of persons.

S. 8(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 4(a)).

**8A. Commissioner**

S. 8A  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 6.

- (1) The Secretary may under Part 3 of the **Public  
Administration Act 2004** employ a person to be  
Commissioner for the purposes of this Act.

S. 8A(1)  
amended by  
Nos 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 5),  
46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
108/2004  
s. 117(1)  
(Sch. 3  
item 45.2).

- (2) The Commissioner is responsible for—
- (a) monitoring performance in the provision of  
all correctional services to achieve the safe  
custody and welfare of prisoners and  
offenders; and
- (b) exercising any other functions relating to  
correctional services that the Secretary may  
determine from time to time.

S. 8A(2)(b)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 5).

- (3) The Commissioner must endeavour to exercise his  
or her functions in relation to correctional services  
impartially between all providers of correctional  
services so far as this is consistent with the safe  
custody and welfare of prisoners and offenders  
and the proper operation of the correctional  
services.

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repealed by  
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ss 8B–8G)  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 7.

**8B. Minister may enter into correctional services agreements**

S. 8B  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 7.

- (1) The Minister may, for and on behalf of the Crown—
  - (a) enter into an agreement with a person or body for the provision by that person or body of any correctional services; or
  - (b) enter into an agreement with a person or body which is ancillary to an agreement entered into under paragraph (a), including an agreement with any person or body providing financial accommodation (within the meaning of the **Borrowing and Investment Powers Act 1987**) or a guarantee in respect of an agreement entered into under paragraph (a).
- (2) The Minister must obtain the written approval of the Treasurer before entering into an agreement under sub-section (1).

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**8C. Matters to be included in agreement**

- (1) An agreement under section 8B(1)(a) must provide for—
  - (a) compliance by the contractor with all relevant provisions of this Act or the regulations or of any other Act or instrument of a legislative character;
  - (b) objectives and performance standards in relation to the provision of services;
  - (c) the fees, costs and charges to be paid to the contractor;
  - (d) the submission of periodic reports in relation to the contractor's operations under the agreement;
  - (e) an indemnity by the contractor in favour of the Crown and the Minister;
  - (f) the office the holder of which is to be the principal officer for the purposes of the application of the **Freedom of Information Act 1982** to the contractor;
  - (g) the office the holder of which is to be the principal officer for the purposes of the application of the **Ombudsman Act 1973** to the contractor;
  - (h) any other matter that may be prescribed.
- (2) An agreement under section 8B(1) may contain—
  - (a) a provision leaving any matter to be determined, approved or dispensed with by a specified person or body;
  - (b) a provision providing for the assignment to the Minister or any other person of any right or interest;

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- (c) a provision providing for the Minister to delegate powers and functions under the agreement;
  - (d) a provision providing for sub-contracting;
  - (e) a provision requiring the provision by the contractor of a performance bond;
  - (f) a provision providing for the suspension of obligations under the agreement in specified circumstances, except the obligations referred to in sub-section (1)(e), (f) and (g);
  - (g) in the case of an agreement under section 8B(1)(b), a provision providing for—
    - (i) the Minister to take over, or nominate any other person or body to take over, rights or obligations under any other agreement or transaction;
    - (ii) the transfer of land to the Minister in the circumstances set out in the agreement;
  - (h) a provision providing for rights of access in relation to correctional services;
  - (i) any other provisions that are not inconsistent with this Act or the regulations.

**8D. Agreement to run with land**

- (1) An agreement entered into under section 8B(1)(b) under which the owner of land covenants to transfer that land to the Minister in the circumstances set out in the agreement must be under seal and must bind the owner of land to those covenants.

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- (2) Sections 181, 182 and 183 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** apply to that agreement as if a reference in those sections to the responsible authority were a reference to the Minister.
- (3) Land which is transferred to the Minister in accordance with an agreement under section 8B(1)(b) is deemed to be unalienated land of the Crown freed and discharged from all trusts, limitations, reservations, restrictions, encumbrances, estates and interests.
- (4) No compensation is payable by the Crown in respect of the transfer of land to the Minister in accordance with an agreement under section 8B(1)(b) except compensation (if any) which is expressly provided for in that agreement.

S. 8E  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 7.

**8E. Rights of access**

S. 8E(1)  
amended by  
Nos 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 6),  
45/2001  
s. 25(a)(i)(ii).

- (1) A contractor or sub-contractor must give the Minister, the Secretary, the Commissioner and any person authorised by the Secretary or the Commissioner free and unfettered access at all times, together with any assistants and equipment that the Minister, the Secretary, the Commissioner or authorised person considers necessary—
  - (a) to any correctional service under the management or control of the contractor or sub-contractor (as the case requires) which is the subject of an agreement under Part 2A; and
  - (b) to all persons detained or employed there; and

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- (c) to all documents in the possession of the contractor or sub-contractor (as the case requires) in relation to any correctional service which is the subject of an agreement under Part 2A—

for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Act or the regulations or an agreement under Part 2A or ensuring that the safe custody and welfare of prisoners and offenders are maintained.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (2) A contractor or sub-contractor must give an administrator appointed under section 8F free and unfettered access at all times, together with any assistants and equipment that the administrator considers necessary—

- (a) to any correctional service under the management or control of the contractor or sub-contractor (as the case requires) which is the subject of an agreement under Part 2A; and
- (b) to all persons detained or employed there; and
- (c) to all documents in the possession of the contractor or sub-contractor (as the case requires) in relation to any correctional service which is the subject of an agreement under Part 2A—

for the purpose of enabling the administrator to carry out his or her powers and functions under that section.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.



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S. 8E(3)  
amended by  
Nos 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
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s. 25(b).

- (3) An authorisation under sub-section (1) must be in writing and may be given subject to any conditions and limitations that the Secretary or Commissioner (as the case may be) thinks fit.

S. 8F  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 7.

**8F. Emergency powers**

- (1) If an agreement under section 8B(1) relates to the management of a correctional service, the Minister may intervene in the management of that service if—
- (a) the Minister considers that—
    - (i) there is an emergency in the service; or
    - (ii) the contractor has failed to provide competent management of the service; and
  - (b) the Minister considers that it is in the public interest or the interest of the safe custody or welfare of prisoners or offenders to intervene.
- (2) If the Minister intervenes in the management of a correctional service, the Minister may appoint an administrator to manage the service until the Minister determines that—
- (a) the emergency is over; or
  - (b) the contractor is able to manage the service to the satisfaction of the Minister.
- (3) If an administrator is appointed under sub-section (2), then for the period of that appointment—
- (a) the contractor a sub-contractor and any person appointed or employed by the contractor or a sub-contractor to manage the service must—

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- (i) manage the service in accordance with the directions of the administrator; or
  - (ii) cease to manage the service completely or to the extent directed by the administrator; and
- (b) any person who is employed by the contractor or a sub-contractor in relation to the service must comply with the directions of the administrator in relation to the management and operation of the service.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (4) An administrator appointed under sub-section (2) has and may exercise all of the functions or powers under this Act or the regulations of a Governor, prison officer, Regional Manager and community corrections officer in relation to the service and prisoners and offenders for the period of appointment.
- (5) The Secretary must provide the administrator with any assistance necessary to the carrying out of his or her functions under this section.
- (6) This section applies despite anything to the contrary in the agreement.

S. 8F(5)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 7).

**8G. Building work**

- (1) Section 218 of the **Building Act 1993** does not apply to the carrying out of building work under an agreement under section 8B(1)(a).
- (2) Sections 30 and 73 of the **Building Act 1993** do not apply in relation to any permit, approval, amendment, plan or other document relating to building work carried out or to be carried out under an agreement under section 8B(1)(a).

S. 8G  
inserted by  
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No. 94/1994  
s. 8.

**9. Management agreements**

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inserted by  
No. 11/1993  
s. 4(1).

S. 9(1)  
amended by  
Nos 94/1994  
s. 9(1)(a)(i)(ii),  
45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 8).

(1) The Secretary may, for and on behalf of the Crown, enter into an agreement with a person or body for the provision by that person or body of any correctional services.

(2) The agreement must provide for—

- (a) compliance by the contractor with all relevant provisions of this Act or the regulations or of any other Act or instrument of a legislative character;
- (b) objectives and performance standards in relation to the provision of the services;

S. 9(2)(c)  
repealed by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 9(1)(b)(i).

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S. 9(2)(d)  
amended by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 9(1)(b)(ii).

(d) the fees, costs and charges to be paid to the contractor;

S. 9(2)(e)  
amended by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 9(1)(b)(iii).

(e) the submission of periodic reports in relation to the contractor's operations;

S. 9(2)(f)  
repealed by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 9(1)(b)(iv).

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(g) an indemnity by the contractor in favour of the Crown and the Secretary;

S. 9(2)(g) substituted by No. 94/1994 s. 9(1)(b)(v), amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 8).

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S. 9(2)(h) repealed by No. 94/1994 s. 9(1)(b)(vi).

(i) the office the holder of which is to be the principal officer for the purposes of the application of the **Freedom of Information Act 1982** to the contractor;

(j) the office the holder of which is to be the principal officer for the purposes of the application of the **Ombudsman Act 1973** to the contractor;

(k) any other matter that may be prescribed.

(3) The agreement may contain—

S. 9(3) substituted by No. 94/1994 s. 9(2).

(a) a provision leaving any matter to be determined, approved or dispensed with by a specified person or body;

(b) a provision providing for the assignment to the Secretary or any other person of any right or interest;

S. 9(3)(b) amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 8).

(c) a provision providing for the Secretary to delegate powers and functions under the agreement;

S. 9(3)(c) amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 8).

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- (d) a provision providing for sub-contracting;
- (e) a provision requiring the provision by the contractor of a performance bond;
- (f) a provision providing for the suspension of obligations under the agreement in specified circumstances;
- (g) a provision providing for rights of access in relation to correctional services;
- (h) any other provisions that are not inconsistent with this Act or the regulations.

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ss 9AA–9AC)  
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substituted by  
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S. 9AA  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 10,  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 9),  
substituted by  
No. 26/1997  
s. 11.

**9AA. Agreements with the Chief Commissioner**

- (1) The Chief Commissioner of Police may, for and on behalf of the Crown, enter into an agreement with a person or body, including the Secretary, for the provision by that person or body of—
  - (a) custodial services in police gaols; or
  - (b) services related to the transport of—
    - (i) persons detained in a police gaol to or from a police gaol; or
    - (ii) persons detained in custody in a prison from the prison to a court or police gaol or from a court to a prison or police gaol; or

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(iii) forensic patients, security patients or involuntary patients within the meaning of the **Mental Health Act 1986** from an approved mental health service under that Act to a court or a police gaol or from a court or police gaol to a court or police gaol or approved mental health service; or

S. 9AA(1)  
(b)(iii)  
amended by  
No. 65/1997  
s. 81(b).

(iv) persons detained in a remand centre, youth residential centre or youth training centre within the meaning of the **Children and Young Persons Act 1989** from that centre to a court or a police gaol or from a court or police gaol to a court or police gaol or such a centre; or

(c) services related to security in relation to persons in the custody of the Chief Commissioner of Police.

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S. 9AA(2)  
repealed by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 6.

**9AB. Matters to be included in agreement**

S. 9AB  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 10.

(1) An agreement under section 9AA must provide for—

- (a) compliance by the contractor with all relevant provisions of this Act or the regulations or of any other Act or instrument of a legislative character;
- (b) objectives and performance standards in relation to the provision of services;
- (c) the fees, costs and charges to be paid to the contractor;

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- (d) the submission of periodic reports in relation to the contractor's operations;
  - (e) an indemnity by the contractor in favour of the Crown and the Chief Commissioner of Police;
  - (f) the office the holder of which is to be the principal officer for the purposes of the application of the **Freedom of Information Act 1982** to the contractor;
  - (g) the office the holder of which is to be the principal officer for the purposes of the application of the **Ombudsman Act 1973** to the contractor;
  - (h) any other matter that may be prescribed.
- (2) An agreement under section 9AA may contain—
- (a) a provision leaving any matter to be determined, approved or dispensed with by a specified person or body;
  - (b) a provision providing for the assignment to the Chief Commissioner or any other person of any right or interest;
  - (c) a provision providing for the Chief Commissioner to delegate powers and functions under the agreement;
  - (d) a provision providing for sub-contracting;
  - (e) a provision requiring the provision by the contractor of a performance bond;
  - (f) a provision providing for the suspension of obligations under the agreement in specified circumstances;
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- (g) a provision providing for rights of access in relation to correctional services;
- (h) any other provisions that are not inconsistent with this Act or the regulations.

**9AC. Rights of access**

**S. 9AC**  
**inserted by**  
**No. 94/1994**  
**s. 10.**

- (1) A contractor or sub-contractor must give the Chief Commissioner of Police and any person authorised by the Chief Commissioner free and unfettered access at all times together with any assistants and equipment that the Chief Commissioner or the authorised person considers necessary—

**S. 9AC(1)(a)**  
**amended by**  
**No. 26/1997**  
**s. 12(5).**

- (a) to any police gaol or any vehicle under the management or control of the contractor or sub-contractor (as the case requires); and
- (b) to all persons detained or employed there; and
- (c) to all documents in the possession of the contractor as a provider of services under this Act or under an agreement under section 9AA—

for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Act or the regulations or ensuring that the safe custody and welfare of persons detained in the police gaol are maintained.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (2) An authorisation under sub-section (1) must be in writing and may be subject to any conditions and limitations that the Chief Commissioner thinks fit.



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No. 11/1993  
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**9A. Authorisation of certain staff**

S. 9A(1)  
amended by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 12(1),  
substituted by  
No. 22/1996  
s. 4(1),  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
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(1) The Secretary may, by instrument, authorise a contractor under Division 1 or 2 or a sub-contractor of that contractor or a person employed by that contractor or sub-contractor to exercise all or any of the functions or powers under this Act or the regulations or under any other Act or the regulations under that Act of—

S. 9A(1)(a)  
amended by  
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s. 17(Sch. 1  
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(a) the Secretary; or

S. 9A(1)(c)  
amended by  
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s. 7(a).

(b) an officer within the meaning of Part 5; or

(c) an officer within the meaning of Part 9; or

S. 9A(1)(d)  
inserted by  
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(d) an escort officer.

S. 9A(1A)  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 12(2),  
substituted by  
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(1A) The Chief Commissioner of Police may, by instrument, authorise a contractor under Division 3 or a sub-contractor of that contractor or a person employed by that contractor or sub-contractor to exercise all or any of the functions or powers as may be exercised under section 27 of the **Bail Act 1977** or Part 9A of this Act or under

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the regulations made under this Act by a member of the police force.

(1B) The Chief Commissioner may, by instrument, authorise a contractor under an agreement entered into under section 9AA or a sub-contractor of that contractor or a person employed by that contractor or sub-contractor—

**S. 9A(1B)**  
**inserted by**  
**No. 26/1997**  
**s. 12(1).**

(a) to carry out the transport of any persons or class of persons in accordance with that agreement and to detain those persons while being transported; and

(b) to have and exercise all or any of the following functions—

**S. 9A(1B)(b)**  
**substituted by**  
**No. 45/2001**  
**s. 8(1).**

- (i) to take all reasonable steps to ensure a person being transported remains in the physical custody of the authorised person;
- (ii) to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety and welfare of a person being transported are maintained;
- (iii) to take all reasonable steps to prevent and detect the commission by a person being transported of any unlawful act or any attempt to commit an unlawful act;
- (iv) to report to the Chief Commissioner of Police on the commission by a person being transported of any unlawful act or any attempt to commit an unlawful act;
- (v) to take all reasonable steps to ensure the good order and discipline of a person being transported;
- (vi) to take all reasonable steps to attend to the security of any property that is in the possession of a person being transported;

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- (vii) to take all reasonable steps to ensure the person is transported to or from the appropriate place as required by the Chief Commissioner of Police;
  - (viii) to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the person is transferred—
    - (A) into the physical custody of another person acting on behalf of the Chief Commissioner of Police; or
    - (B) if legal custody of the person is authorised to be transferred to a person other than the Chief Commissioner, into the physical custody of a person acting on behalf of the person to whom legal custody is to be transferred;
  - (c) to exercise all or any of the following powers in relation to the functions set out in paragraph (b)—
    - (i) to order a person being transported to do or not to do anything which the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds is necessary for the safety of the authorised person, the person being transported or any other person;
    - (ii) to search and examine a person being transported or any thing in the person's possession or under the person's control if the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that this is necessary for the safety of the authorised person, the person being transported or any other person;

**S. 9A(1B)(c)**  
inserted by  
**No. 45/2001**  
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- (iii) to seize any thing found on a person being transported or in that person's possession or under that person's control if the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that this is necessary for the safety of the authorised person, the person being transported or any other person;
  - (iv) subject to sub-section (2A), to apply an authorised instrument of restraint to a person being transported if the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that the application of the instrument of restraint is necessary to prevent the escape of the person being transported or the assault of, or injury to, any person.
- (2) An authority may be given subject to any conditions or limitations that are stated in it.
- (2A) A person authorised under sub-section (1B)(c)(iv) may apply an instrument of restraint to a person being transported only if—
- (a) the instrument, or type of instrument, is approved by the Chief Commissioner of Police; and
  - (b) the instrument is used in the manner determined by the Chief Commissioner of Police.
- (3) A contractor or sub-contractor or a person employed by a contractor or sub-contractor is incapable of exercising any function or power referred to in sub-section (1), (1A) or (1B) except in accordance with an authority given under that sub-section.

**S. 9A(2A)**  
inserted by  
**No. 45/2001**  
s. 8(2).

**S. 9A(3)**  
amended by  
**Nos 94/1994**  
**s. 12(3)(a)(b),**  
**22/1996**  
**s. 4(2),**  
**26/1997**  
**s. 12(2).**

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S. 9A(4)  
amended by  
Nos 94/1994  
s. 12(3)(c),  
45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
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- (4) The Secretary or the Chief Commissioner of Police may refuse to give an authority to any person if he or she considers that it is in the public interest not to give it.

S. 9A(5)  
amended by  
Nos 94/1994  
s. 12(3)(c),  
45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
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- (5) Without limiting sub-section (4), the Secretary or the Chief Commissioner of Police may refuse to give an authority—

S. 9A(5)(a)  
amended by  
Nos 94/1994  
s. 12(3)(c),  
45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
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- (a) to any person who has not undertaken a relevant course of training or instruction accredited by the Secretary or the Chief Commissioner of Police for the purposes of this Part; or

S. 9A(5)(b)  
amended by  
Nos 94/1994  
s. 12(3)(c),  
45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
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- (b) to any person whom the Secretary or the Chief Commissioner of Police considers not to be a fit and proper person to be so authorised for any reason including criminal record, character or educational standard.

S. 9A(6)  
amended by  
Nos 94/1994  
s. 12(3)(c)(d),  
45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
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- (6) After giving the person a reasonable opportunity to be heard, the Secretary or the Chief Commissioner of Police may at any time revoke an authority given by him or her to that person if he or she considers that it is in the public interest to do so.

S. 9A(7)  
amended by  
Nos 94/1994  
s. 12(3)(c)(e),  
45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
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- (7) Without limiting sub-section (6), the Secretary or the Chief Commissioner of Police may revoke an authority given by him or her if—

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(a) in the opinion of the Secretary or the Chief Commissioner of Police it ought not to have been given having regard to sub-sections (4) and (5); or

**S. 9A(7)(a)**  
amended by  
**Nos 94/1994**  
**s. 12(3)(c),**  
**45/1996**  
**s. 17(Sch. 1**  
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(b) the person has failed to comply with any provision of this Act or the regulations or with any direction given to him or her under this Act or the regulations.

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**S. 9A(8)**  
inserted by  
**No. 26/1997**  
**s. 12(3),**  
repealed by  
**No. 45/2001**  
**s. 8(3).**

**9B. Police inquiry and report**

**S. 9B**  
inserted by  
**No. 11/1993**  
**s. 4(1).**

(1) Before—

(a) the Minister enters into an agreement under section 8B(1); or

**S. 9B(1)**  
substituted by  
**No. 94/1994**  
**s. 13(1),**  
amended by  
**No. 45/1996**  
**s. 17(Sch. 1**  
**item 11).**

(b) the Secretary enters into an agreement under section 9(1); or

**S. 9B(1)(b)**  
amended by  
**No. 45/1996**  
**s. 17(Sch. 1**  
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(c) the Secretary authorises a person under section 9A(1) to exercise any functions or powers—

**S. 9B(1)(c)**  
amended by  
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the Secretary must request the Chief Commissioner of Police to inquire into and report to him or her on the character, honesty and integrity of any relevant person.

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**S. 9B(1A)**  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 13(1).

**S. 9B(1A)(b)**  
amended by  
No. 26/1997  
s. 12(4).

(1A) Before the Chief Commissioner of Police—

(a) enters into an agreement under section 9AA;  
or

(b) authorises a person under section 9A(1A)  
or (1B) to exercise any functions or  
powers—

the Chief Commissioner of Police must inquire  
into the character, honesty and integrity of any  
relevant person.

(2) For the purposes of this section a person is a  
relevant person if he or she—

(a) is the proposed contractor; or

(b) holds or will hold a position of director,  
manager or secretary or any other executive  
position (however designated) whether in his  
or her own right or on behalf of any other  
person, in the proposed business of the  
contractor as a provider of services under  
this Act; or

(c) has or will have a share in the capital of, or  
an entitlement to receive any income derived  
from, the proposed business of the contractor  
as a provider of services under this Act and  
as a result is or will be able to exercise a  
significant influence over or with respect to  
the management or operation of that  
business; or

(d) is or will be entitled to exercise a power  
(whether by voting or otherwise and whether  
alone or in association with others)—

(i) to participate in any directorial,  
managerial or executive decision of the  
contractor as a provider of services  
under this Act; or

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- (ii) to elect or appoint any person to a position referred to in paragraph (b); or
- (e) is employed or will be employed by the contractor or proposed contractor.
- (3) The Chief Commissioner of Police must cause appropriate enquiries to be made in response to a request made under sub-section (1) and report the results of those enquiries to the Secretary. **S. 9B(3) amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 11).**
- (4) The Secretary must give a copy of a report under sub-section (3) to the Minister if it was sought in relation to a proposed agreement under section 8B(1). **S. 9B(4) inserted by No. 94/1994 s. 13(2), amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 11).**
- 9C. Status of staff** **S. 9C inserted by No. 11/1993 s. 4(1).**
- (1) A person authorised under section 9A to exercise all or any of the functions or powers of a Governor, prison officer, disciplinary officer, Regional Manager, community corrections officer or escort officer must, for the purposes of this Act and all other purposes (including the purposes of section 479C of the **Crimes Act 1958**), be taken to be a Governor, prison officer, disciplinary officer, Regional Manager, community corrections officer or escort officer, as the case requires. **S. 9C(1) amended by No. 45/2001 ss 9, 26.**
- (2) Despite sub-section (1), a person referred to in that sub-section—
- (a) does not hold the position of Governor, prison officer, disciplinary officer, Regional Manager, community corrections officer or escort officer, as the case requires; and **S. 9C(2)(a) amended by No. 45/2001 ss 9, 26.**



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S. 9C(2)(b)  
amended by  
Nos 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
108/2004  
s. 117(1)  
(Sch. 3  
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(b) is not subject to the **Public Administration Act 2004**.

S. 9CA  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 14,  
substituted by  
No. 45/1996  
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**9CA. Staff—police goals**

A reference in section 27 of the **Bail Act 1977** or Part 9A of this Act or the regulations made under this Act to a member of the police force includes, in relation to the exercise of any function or power under that section or Part or those regulations, a reference to a person authorised under section 9A(1A) to exercise that function or power.

S. 9CAA  
inserted by  
No. 26/1997  
s. 13.

**9CAA. Transport functions**

- (1) If a person is authorised under section 9A(1B) to carry out the transport of any person to or from a place, any provision of an Act or regulation or of a warrant or order of a court or of any order or instrument under an Act which requires or authorises (either expressly or by necessary implication) a member of the police force (by name or otherwise) to transport that person to or from that place must be taken to also authorise the person authorised under section 9A(1B) to carry out that transport function in place of a member of the police force in accordance with that authorisation.
- (2) Nothing in sub-section (1) prevents a member of the police force from exercising any function referred to in that sub-section or any other function under the provision, warrant, order or instrument.

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- (3) Despite anything to the contrary in any other provision of this Act or in any other Act or regulation or in any warrant, order or instrument of any kind, a person who is being transported to or from a place by a person authorised under section 9A(1B) is deemed to be in the custody of the Chief Commissioner of Police while being so transported.

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S. 9CAA(4)  
repealed by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 10.

**9CB. Use of reasonable force by staff—police gaols**

S. 9CB  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 14,  
amended by  
No. 26/1997  
s. 14(a)(b).

- (1) A person authorised under section 9A(1A) or 9A(1B) to exercise a function or power may, where necessary, use reasonable force to compel a person who is deemed under Part 1A or section 9CAA to be in the custody of the Chief Commissioner of Police to obey an order given by the first-mentioned person in the exercise of that function or power.
- (2) Where a person uses force under the powers in sub-section (1), the person must report the fact to the Chief Commissioner of Police without delay.
- (3) A person who uses force in accordance with this section is not liable for injury or damage caused by that use of force.

S. 9CB(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 11.

S. 9CB(3)  
amended by  
No. 38/2003  
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S. 9D  
inserted by  
No. 11/1993  
s. 4(1).

**9D. Employment of monitors**

S. 9D(1)  
substituted by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
amended by  
No. 108/2004  
s. 117(1)  
(Sch. 3  
item 45.2).

(1) There may be employed under Part 3 of the **Public Administration Act 2004** such monitors as are necessary for the purposes of this Part.

S. 9D(2)  
amended by  
Nos 94/1994  
s. 15(1),  
45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 12),  
substituted by  
No. 26/1997  
s. 15(1),  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(2) Monitors employed in relation to agreements under section 8B(1) or 9(1) are responsible to the Secretary for assessment and review of the provision of services by contractors or sub-contractors under those agreements and have any other functions that may be prescribed or specified by the Secretary.

S. 9D(2A)  
inserted by  
No. 26/1997  
s. 15(1),  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

(2A) Monitors employed in relation to agreements under section 9AA are responsible to the Chief Commissioner of Police for assessment and review of the provision of services by contractors or sub-contractors under those agreements and have any other functions that may be prescribed or specified by the Chief Commissioner.

S. 9D(3)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 12),  
substituted by  
No. 26/1997  
s. 15(1).

(3) A monitor referred to in sub-section (2) must make an annual report in writing to the Secretary on his or her operations. That report is to form part of the Department's annual report under the **Financial Management Act 1994**.

S. 9D(3A)  
inserted by  
No. 26/1997  
s. 15(1).

(3A) A monitor referred to in sub-section (2A) must make an annual report in writing to the Chief Commissioner of Police on his or her operations. That report is to form part of the Chief

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- (4) A contractor or sub-contractor must give a monitor free and unfettered access at all times—
- (a) to all premises, places or vehicles under the management or control of the contractor or sub-contractor (as the case requires) in accordance with, or for the purposes of, an agreement under section 8B(1), 9(1) or 9AA or a sub-contract agreement under that agreement and to all persons detained or employed there; and
  - (b) to all documents in the possession of the contractor or sub-contractor (as the case requires) as a provider of services under this Act.

**9E. Minimum standards**

- (1) The Secretary must cause a written statement to be prepared setting out minimum standards in relation to the provision of services by a contractor under an agreement entered into under section 8B(1) or 9(1).
- (2) The Chief Commissioner of Police must cause a written statement to be prepared setting out minimum standards in relation to the provision of services by a contractor under an agreement entered into under section 9AA.
- (3) The Secretary or Chief Commissioner of Police may from time to time amend the statement prepared by him or her.

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S. 9F  
inserted by  
No. 11/1993  
s. 4(1),  
amended by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 17(a).

**9F. Application of FOI**

The **Freedom of Information Act 1982** applies to a contractor in its capacity as a provider of services under this Act or to a sub-contractor in its capacity as a manager of a prison or police gaol under a sub-contract agreement as if—

S. 9F(a)  
amended by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 17(b).

(a) the contractor or sub-contractor (as the case requires) were an agency within the meaning of that Act; and

S. 9F(b)  
amended by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 17(c).

(b) the holder of the office specified in the agreement under section 8B(1), 9(1) or 9AA or in the sub-contract agreement (as the case requires) for the purposes of the application of the **Freedom of Information Act 1982** were the principal officer of that agency; and

S. 9F(d)  
amended by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 17(b).

(c) the Minister were the responsible Minister of that agency; and

(d) the persons employed by the contractor or sub-contractor (as the case requires) were officers of that agency.

S. 9G  
inserted by  
No. 11/1993  
s. 4(1),  
amended by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 18(a).

**9G. Investigation of administrative actions**

The **Ombudsman Act 1973** applies to a contractor in its capacity as a provider of services under this Act or to a sub-contractor in its capacity as a manager of a prison or police gaol under a sub-contract agreement as if—

S. 9G(a)  
amended by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 18(b).

(a) the contractor or sub-contractor (as the case requires) were a public statutory body within the meaning of that Act; and

S. 9G(b)  
amended by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 18(c).

(b) the holder of the office specified in the agreement under section 8B(1), 9(1) or 9AA or in the sub-contract agreement (as the case requires) for the purposes of the application of the **Ombudsman Act 1973** were the

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principal officer of that public statutory  
body; and

- (c) the persons employed by the contractor or  
sub-contractor (as the case requires) were  
employees of that public statutory body.

**S. 9G(c)**  
**amended by**  
**No. 94/1994**  
**s. 18(b).**

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**10. Establishment of prisons**

- (1) The Governor in Council may by Order appoint any premises or place to be a prison.
- (2) The name of a prison is the name given to it in the Order establishing it.
- (3) The maximum number of persons to be detained in a prison is the number (if any) stated in the Order establishing it.
- (3A) The Governor in Council may by Order revoke the appointment of any place or premises as a prison, including a place or premises listed in column 2 of Schedule 2.
- (4) An Order under sub-section (1) or (3A) comes into operation on its making or on a later date stated in the Order.
- (5) The Minister must within seven days after the making of an Order under sub-section (1) or (3A) publish a copy of the Order in the Government Gazette.
- (6) Each of the premises and places which were prisons under Part V of the **Community Services Act 1970** as in force immediately before the commencement of this section and were known by the names listed in column 1 of Schedule 2 is deemed to be appointed as a prison under this section by the name given to it in column 2 of that Schedule.
- (7) Upon the name of a prison being changed a reference in an Act other than this Act, a subordinate instrument or a document to the prison by its old name is deemed to be a reference to the prison by its new name.

S. 10(3A)  
inserted by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 14(1).

S. 10(4)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 14(2).

S. 10(5)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 14(3).

S. 10(6)  
amended by  
No. 16/1987  
s. 4(3)(Sch. 1  
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**11. Police gaols**

- (1) The Governor in Council may by Order appoint any premises or place that is not a prison to be a police gaol.
- (2) The maximum number of persons to be detained in a police gaol is the number (if any) stated in the Order establishing the police gaol.
- (3) The maximum period for which a person may be held in a police gaol is the period (if any) stated in the Order establishing the police gaol.
- (4) An Order under sub-section (1) comes into operation on its making or on a later date stated in the Order.
- (5) The Minister must within 7 days after the making of an Order under sub-section (1) publish a copy of the Order in the Government Gazette.
- (6) Any premises which were or place which was a police gaol within the meaning of section 113 or 115 of the **Community Services Act 1970** as in force immediately before the commencement of this section are deemed to be appointed a police gaol under this section.

S. 11(6)  
amended by  
No. 16/1987  
s. 4(3)(Sch. 1  
item 7(b)).

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S. 11(7)  
repealed by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 12.

- (7A) As soon as possible after a person is received into a police gaol to serve the whole or a part of a prison sentence a member of the police force may take the person's fingerprints.

S. 11(7A)  
inserted by  
No. 38/1988  
s. 7(1)(a),  
amended by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 7(2).

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S. 11(8)(9)  
repealed by  
No. 45/2001  
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12. Employment under the Public Administration Act

S. 12  
(Heading)  
inserted by  
No. 108/2004  
s. 117(1)  
(Sch. 3  
item 45.3).

- (1) There may be employed under Part 3 of the **Public Administration Act 2004** a Secretary to the Adult Parole Board and such Governors, prison officers, escort officers, principal medical officers, medical officers, Regional Managers, community corrections officers and other officers and employees as are necessary for the purposes of this Act.

S. 12(1)  
amended by  
Nos 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
45/2001 s. 13,  
108/2004  
s. 117(1)  
(Sch. 3  
item 45.4).

S. 12(2)(3)  
amended by  
No. 16/1987  
s. 4(3)(Sch. 1  
item 7(c)),  
repealed by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

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S. 12(4)(5)  
repealed by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

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S. 12(6)  
amended by  
No. 11/1993  
s. 7(1)(c),  
repealed by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

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13. Volunteers

S. 13(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 14).

- (1) The Secretary may by instrument authorize a person to work in an unpaid capacity for prison purposes or at a location.

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- (2) The Secretary must not under sub-section (1) authorize a person to do work which is part of the duties of a prison officer. S. 13(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 14).
- (3) The period for which and the other terms and conditions under which, a person is authorized to work under sub-section (1) are those stated in the person's instrument of authority.
- (4) If a person is authorized to work as an officer under Part 5 or Part 9 other than a prison officer the provisions of this Act relating to officers of that kind (except provisions relating to remuneration) apply to the person.
- (5) The Secretary must as soon as possible give to a person authorized to work under sub-section (1) a copy of the person's instrument of authority. S. 13(5)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 14).
- (6) The Secretary must keep a register containing copies of instruments of authority issued under this section. S. 13(6)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 14).
- (7) A person who immediately before the commencement of this section held a position as an honorary probation officer under section 507 of the **Crimes Act 1958** or an honorary parole officer under Division 4 of Part VIII of the **Community Services Act 1970** is deemed to be authorized under sub-section (1) to work as a volunteer on the same terms and conditions as those stated in the person's instrument of appointment as an honorary probation officer or an honorary parole officer. S. 13(7)  
amended by  
No. 16/1987  
s. 4(3)(Sch. 1  
item 7(d)).
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**Division 1—General**

**14. Definitions**

In this Part—

S. 14 def. of  
"officer"  
amended by  
Nos 23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 14.1),  
45/1996  
s. 7(a).

**"officer"** means a person who is—

- (a) a Governor; or
  - (b) a prison officer; or
  - (c) a volunteer; or
  - (d) an officer or employee in the public service or the teaching service or the Technical and Further Education Teaching Service who is working in a prison or with prisoners; or
- \*            \*            \*            \*            \*
- (f) a member of a prescribed class of persons who works in a prison as a psychiatrist, registered medical practitioner, dentist, nurse or health worker.

**Division 2—Work**

**15. Authorized persons may act as prison officers**

S. 15(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 15).

- (1) The Secretary may by instrument authorize a member of the police force or a class of members of the police force to exercise in accordance with the regulations all or any of the powers of a prison officer.
- (2) An authority may be given subject to such conditions and limitations as are stated in the authority.

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**16. Secretary may authorize medical practitioner to act as medical officer**

(1) If there is no medical officer appointed for a prison or the medical officer for the prison is absent the Secretary may by instrument authorize a registered medical practitioner within the meaning of the **Medical Practice Act 1994** to act as medical officer for that prison while the position of medical officer is vacant or until the return of the medical officer.

S. 16(1) amended by Nos 23/1994 s. 118(Sch. 1 item 14.2), 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 16).

(2) Before authorizing a person to act as medical officer the Secretary must consult with the Secretary to the Department of Human Services.

S. 16(2) amended by Nos 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 16), 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1).

(3) An authority under sub-section (1) may be given subject to such conditions and limitations as are stated in the authority.

(4) This Act applies to a person authorized to act as medical officer as if the person were a medical officer.

**17. Powers of Secretary**

S. 17 substituted by No. 94/1994 s. 19.

(1) The Secretary has and may exercise all or any of the powers or functions of a Governor of a prison or a prison officer or escort officer under this Act.

S. 17(1) amended by Nos 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 17), 45/2001 s. 14.

(2) The Secretary may exercise the powers and functions under sub-section (1) in relation to a particular prison or class of prisons or in relation to all prisons in Victoria.

S. 17(2) amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 17).

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S. 17(3)  
amended by  
Nos 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 17),  
45/2001 s. 14.

- (3) An exercise by the Secretary of any power or function under sub-section (1) in relation to a matter, prevails over the exercise by a Governor or prison officer or escort officer of that power or function in relation to that matter.

**18. Prison officer subject to direction of principal of training institutions**

- (1) An officer attending a training institution is subject to the direction of the principal of that institution.
- (2) In this section "**training institution**" means an institution for the training of officers established or conducted in accordance with the regulations.

**19. Officers subject to certain directions**

- (1) A prison officer is subject to the directions of the Governor of the prison to which the prison officer is assigned.
- (2) The Governor of a prison may give to officers within the meaning of paragraph (f) of the definition of "officer" in section 14 who are working at the prison or with prisoners such directions as the Governor considers necessary for the security of the prison.
- (3) The Governor may give to other officers working at the prison or with prisoners such directions as the Governor considers necessary for the management good order or security of the prison or the prisoners.

**20. Duties relating to security and welfare**

- (1) An officer in charge of a prison or part of a prison must take all reasonable steps for the security of the prison or part of the prison.
- (2) An officer in charge of prisoners must take all reasonable steps for the safe custody and welfare of the prisoners.

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- (3) An officer must not jeopardize the security of the prison.
- (4) An officer must make returns and reports in accordance with the regulations and other returns and reports required by the Secretary. S. 20(4)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 18(a)).
- (5) An officer must keep records in accordance with the regulations and other records required by the Secretary. S. 20(5)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 18(a)).
- (6) In relation to officers within the meaning of paragraph (f) of the definition of "officer" in section 14—
- (a) sub-section (2) applies as if it did not include a reference to welfare; and
- (b) sub-sections (4) and (5) apply as if they referred to returns, reports and records concerning prison security only.
- (7) At the Secretary's request an officer must make available to the Secretary a return or report prepared under sub-section (4), or a record kept under sub-section (5). S. 20(7)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 18(a)(b)).

**21. Duties of Governor**

- (1) The Governor of a prison is responsible for the management, security and good order of the prison and the safe custody and welfare of the prisoners.
- (2) The Governor of a prison must take reasonable steps to ensure that officers assigned to the prison know what their powers and duties are and what provision is made by or under this Act concerning prisons and prisoners.

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- (3) The Governor of a prison must give all necessary directions to ensure that—
  - (a) officers within the meaning of paragraph (f) of the definition of "officer" in section 14 assigned to the prison comply with the provisions of this Act and the regulations relating to prison security; and
  - (b) other officers assigned to the prison comply with this Act, and the regulations.

**22. Reports to Governor**

- (1) An officer must report immediately to the Governor anything which might reasonably be thought to jeopardize the security of the prison or the welfare of the prisoners.
- (2) An officer must report immediately to the Governor—
  - (a) the escape or suspected escape of a prisoner in the officer's charge; and
  - (b) the escape or suspected escape of a prisoner from the prison where the officer is working if the escape or suspected escape comes to the officer's notice.

S. 22A  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
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**22A. Powers of Governor**

- (1) A Governor has and may exercise all or any of the powers or functions of a prison officer or escort officer under this Act.
- (2) An exercise by a Governor of any power or function under sub-section (1) in relation to a matter prevails over the exercise by a prison officer or escort officer of that power or function in relation to that matter.

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**23. Control of prisoners**

- (1) An officer may give any order to a prisoner which the officer believes to be necessary for the security or good order of the prison or the safety or welfare of the prisoner or other persons.
- (2) A prison officer may where necessary use reasonable force to compel a prisoner to obey an order given by the prison officer or by an officer under this section.
- (3) Where a prison officer uses force to compel a prisoner to obey an order the prison officer must report the fact forthwith to the Governor.
- (4) Where a Governor uses or orders the use of force to compel a prisoner to obey an order the Governor must report the fact to the Secretary.
- (5) A prison officer is not liable for injury or damage caused by the use of force in accordance with this section.

S. 23(4)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 19).



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**24. Delegation by Governor**

A Governor may by instrument delegate to any officer or class of officers within the meaning of Part 5 any function or power of the Governor under this Act, except this power of delegation, and any power which is declared by the regulations to be a power which the Governor cannot delegate.

**25. Secretary may nominate person to act as Governor**

- (1) If the Governor of a prison is absent from the prison or the position of Governor is vacant the Secretary may nominate a prison officer to act as Governor of the prison while the Governor is absent or the position of the Governor is vacant.
- (2) A prison officer nominated to act as Governor has the functions powers and duties of the Governor while so acting.

S. 25(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 20).

**26. Management of prisons in Governor's temporary absence**

- (1) If the Governor of a prison is to be absent temporarily from the prison the Governor may nominate a prison officer to be in charge of the prison during the Governor's absence.
- (2) If the Governor of a prison is absent from the prison and has not nominated a prison officer to be in charge of the prison and the Secretary has not nominated a prison officer to act as Governor, the most senior ranking prison officer then on duty is in charge of the prison.

S. 26(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
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- (3) A prison officer in charge of a prison has the functions powers and duties of the Governor until the Governor returns or the Secretary nominates a person to act as Governor of the prison.

S. 26(3)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
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**27. Dogs**

- (1) A prison officer may use an approved dog to assist the prison officer in—
- (a) carrying out searches under Division 3; or
  - (b) tracking a prisoner who has escaped; or
  - (c) escorting prisoners while they are being moved from one place to another; or
  - (d) disarming prisoners; or
  - (e) searching inside a prison for prisoners or persons who have entered, or remain in the prison without lawful authority; or
  - (f) carrying out searches outside the prison to find persons attempting to break into the prison; or
  - (g) any circumstances in which the security or good order of the prison is threatened.
- (2) Without affecting the liability of the Crown or any other body or person, a prison officer is not personally liable for injury or damage caused by the use of an approved dog in accordance with this section.
- (3) In this section "**approved dog**" means a dog approved in accordance with the regulations for use by a prison officer.

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**28. Photographing and fingerprinting**

S. 28(1)  
amended by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 7(3).

(1) As soon as possible after a prisoner's reception into a prison an officer may take photographs of the prisoner and may take the prisoner's fingerprints.

S. 28(2)  
amended by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 17(4).

(2) For the purpose of identifying prisoners and compiling records concerning prisoners an officer may at any time after a prisoner's reception into a prison take photographs of the prisoner or take the prisoner's fingerprints or both.

(3) An officer may give to a prisoner all necessary directions to enable the taking of accurate photographs and fingerprints.

**29. Medical tests and samples**

(1) As soon as possible after a prisoner's reception into a prison the prisoner must submit to medical tests.

(2) At any time after a prisoner's reception into a prison the principal medical officer may direct the prisoner to submit to medical tests.

(3) In this section "**medical tests**" means any—

(a) medical examinations; and

(b) tests (including the taking of samples of breath, blood and other bodily secretions) to assess a person's physical and mental health—

determined by the principal medical officer.

(4) In determining medical tests which prisoners must undergo the principal medical officer must have regard to the safety and welfare of the other prisoners in the prison.

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**29A. Prisoners may be tested for drug or alcohol use**

S. 29A  
(Heading)  
inserted by  
No. 38/2003  
s. 4(1).

S. 29A  
inserted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 4.

(1) If the Governor considers it necessary to do so in the interests of the management, good order or security of the prison, he or she may at any time direct a prisoner to submit to tests to assess whether the prisoner has used or consumed—

S. 29A(1)  
substituted by  
No. 38/2003  
s. 4(2).

(a) any alcohol; or

(b) any drug of dependence within the meaning of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**; or

(c) any Schedule 8 poison or Schedule 9 poison within the meaning of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**.

S. 29A(1)(c)  
substituted by  
No. 74/2004  
s. 21.

(2) Tests under sub-section (1)—

(a) must be of a kind approved by the Secretary; and

S. 29A(2)(a)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 22).

(b) may include the taking of samples of urine; and

(c) must be carried out by an officer within the meaning of Part 5.

(3) The following are deemed to be, and to have always been, valid—

S. 29A(3)  
inserted by  
No. 38/2003  
s. 4(3).

(a) any direction given, or purportedly given, under this Act before the date of commencement of section 4 of the **Corrections (Amendment) Act 2003** requiring a prisoner to submit to any test to

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assess whether the prisoner was using alcohol; and

- (b) any test conducted on a urine sample, taken under this section before the date of commencement of section 4 of the **Corrections (Amendment) Act 2003**, to assess whether the prisoner who provided the sample was using alcohol.

**30. Secrecy**

- (1) In this section—

**"confidential information"** means—

S. 30(1) def. of "confidential information" substituted by No. 16/1991 s. 5(1), amended by Nos 11/1993 s. 4(3)(a), 94/1994 s. 20, 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 23(a)), 45/2001 s. 28(1).

- (a) information relating to the classification of a prisoner given to the Secretary or to the classification committee established under the Corrections Regulations 1988; or
- (b) information given to the Adult Parole Board that is not disclosed in a decision of the Board or in any reasons given by the Board for a decision of the Board; or
- (c) information given to an official visitor as an official visitor; or
- (d) information relating to the personal affairs of a prisoner; or
- (e) information concerning procedures or plans to be adopted or followed in a prison in the event of an emergency; or
- (f) information concerning the management of, or the operation of security measures in, or in relation to, a prison; or

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- (g) information concerning the investigation of a breach or possible breach of the law by—
  - (i) a prisoner; or
  - (ii) an officer within the meaning of Part 5; or
  - (iii) a person authorised under section 9A to exercise a function or power; or
- (h) information contained in a report given to a court that is not disclosed in a decision of the court or in any reasons given by the court for a decision of the court; or
- (i) information of a business, commercial or financial nature relating to—
  - (i) the provision of services referred to in section 8B(1) or 9(1); or
  - (ii) an agreement entered into under section 8B(1) or 9(1) or a sub-contract agreement under that agreement;

**"information"** includes photographs, fingerprints, samples and results of tests;

S. 30(1) def. of "information" inserted by No. 16/1991 s. 5(1).

**"information relating to the personal affairs of a prisoner"** includes information—

S. 30(1) def. of "information relating to the personal affairs of a prisoner" inserted by No. 45/2001 s. 28(2).

- (a) that identifies the prisoner or discloses his or her address or location; or
- (b) from which any other person's identity, address or location can reasonably be determined—

but does not include information that is in the public domain;

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S. 30(1) def. of  
"position"  
amended by  
Nos 11/1993  
s. 4(3)(b),  
45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 23(b)).

**"position"** means any of the following—

- (a) a position as an officer within the meaning of Part 5;
  - (b) a delegate of the Secretary or a Governor;
  - (c) a person authorized to exercise the functions or powers of a prison officer or a medical officer;
  - (d) a position of being a person authorised under section 9A to exercise functions or powers.
- (2) A person who holds or has held a position must not, except to the extent necessary to perform official duties powers or functions of that position, record, disclose, communicate or make use of confidential information.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

S. 30(3)  
amended by  
No. 11/1993  
s. 7(1)(d).

- (3) Sub-section (2) does not prevent a person from—
- (a) giving evidence or producing a document to a court in the course of criminal proceedings or proceedings under this Act, even though the evidence or document contains confidential information; or
  - (b) disclosing or communicating confidential information in accordance with the written authority of the Minister or the person to whom the information relates; or
  - (c) disclosing or communicating confidential information to the Ombudsman or the Ombudsman's officers; or

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- (d) disclosing confidential information that is a photograph to a person who holds a position or is a member of the police force, if the disclosure is made to assist the person to perform official duties; or
- (daa) recording, accessing, disclosing, communicating or making use of information—
- (i) relating to the personal affairs of a prisoner; or
- (ii) concerning the investigation of a breach or possible breach of the law by a prisoner—
- on a computerised database in the performance of the person's official duties if—
- (iii) the person holds a position other than as a volunteer; and
- (iv) the Minister has given written authority under sub-section (4) that applies to the person; or
- (da) disclosing information under section 30A; or
- (db) disclosing information to persons included on the victims register for the purposes of making victim submissions; or
- (e) disclosing confidential information to the extent specifically authorised by another Act.
- S. 30(3)(daa) inserted by No. 35/2002 s. 8(1).**
- S. 30(3)(da) inserted by No. 45/2001 s. 28(3).**
- S. 30(3)(db) inserted by No. 14/2004 s. 5.**
- S. 30(3)(e) inserted by No. 16/1991 s. 5(2).**



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S. 30(4)  
inserted by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 8(2).

- (4) The Minister may, by instrument in writing, authorise persons, or classes of persons, specified in the authority, who hold a position, other than as volunteers, to record, access, disclose, communicate or make use of, for the performance of their official duties, confidential information, or classes of confidential information, of a kind referred to in sub-section (3)(daa) on a computerised database specified in the authority that is able to be accessed by—
- (a) persons holding a position, other than as volunteers; or
  - (b) officers within the meaning of section 85; or
  - (c) members of the police force.

S. 30(5)  
inserted by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 8(2).

- (5) Nothing in this section prevents the recording or accessing and using of health information within the meaning of the **Health Records Act 2001** in accordance with that Act.

S. 30A  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 29.

**30A. Victim may be given certain information about a prisoner**

S. 30A(1)  
substituted by  
No. 14/2004  
s. 6.

- (1) In this section—
- "criminal act of violence"** means—
- (a) an offence that involves an assault on, or injury or a threat of injury to, a person which is punishable by imprisonment;
  - (b) an offence against Subdivision (8A), (8B), (8C), (8D) or (8E) of Division 1 of Part I of the **Crimes Act 1958** or any corresponding previous enactment (sexual offences);
  - (c) an offence at common law of rape or assault with intent to rape;

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- (d) an offence against section 21A(1) of the **Crimes Act 1958** (stalking) or any corresponding previous enactment;
  - (e) an offence against section 63 of the **Crimes Act 1958** (child stealing) or any corresponding previous enactment;
  - (f) an offence against section 63A of the **Crimes Act 1958** (kidnapping) or any corresponding previous enactment;
  - (g) an offence against section 77 of the **Crimes Act 1958** (aggravated burglary) or any corresponding previous enactment;
  - (h) an offence of conspiracy to commit, incitement to commit or attempting to commit an offence referred to in paragraphs (a) to (g);
  - (i) an offence against the law of another jurisdiction in Australia which substantially corresponds to an offence referred to in paragraphs (a) to (h);

**"family member"**, in relation to a person, means that person's—

- (a) spouse or domestic partner;
  - (b) child or step-child aged 18 years or more;
  - (c) parent, step-father, step-mother or legal guardian;
  - (d) brother, sister, step-brother or step-sister aged 18 years or more;
  - (e) grandparent;
  - (f) grandchild aged 18 years or more;
  - (g) uncle or aunt;
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- (h) niece or nephew aged 18 years or more;
- (i) father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law aged 18 years or more;

**"victim"** means—

- (a) a person who has had a criminal act of violence committed against him or her;
- (b) a family member of a person who has died as a direct result of a criminal act of violence committed against that person;
- (c) a family member of a person who—
  - (i) has had a criminal act of violence committed against that person;  
and
  - (ii) is under 18 years of age or is incapable of managing his or her own affairs because of mental impairment;
- (d) a person who—
  - (i) is or has been the spouse or domestic partner of a prisoner;  
and
  - (ii) has an intervention order (other than an interim intervention order) under the **Crimes (Family Violence) Act 1987** in force against the prisoner.

- (2) Subject to section 30G, the Secretary may give a person included on the victims register in respect of an offence for which a prisoner is serving a sentence of imprisonment some or all of the following information—

S. 30A(2)  
amended by  
No. 14/2004  
s. 7(1).

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- (a) details about the length of the prisoner's sentence for the offence and of any other sentences of imprisonment that the prisoner is liable to serve;
- (b) the date on which, and the circumstances in which, the prisoner was, is to be or is likely to be released for any reason (including release on bail, custodial community permit, home detention or parole);
- (c) details of any escape by the prisoner from the legal custody of the Secretary or any other person.

**S. 30A(2)(b)**  
amended by  
**No. 53/2003**  
s. 13.

- (2A) If a person included on the victims register has a nominee whose details have been included under section 30D in respect of the person included on the victims register, the Secretary may give information under sub-section (2) to the nominee on behalf of that person.

**S. 30A(2A)**  
inserted by  
**No. 14/2004**  
s. 7(2).

- (3) The Secretary must not disclose the information if the Secretary reasonably believes the disclosure of the information might endanger the security of any prison or the safe custody and welfare of the prisoner or any other prisoner or the safety or welfare of any other person.

**30B. Application to be included on victims register**

**S. 30B**  
inserted by  
**No. 14/2004**  
s. 8.

- (1) A person may apply to the Secretary for inclusion on the victims register.
- (2) An application under sub-section (1)—
  - (a) must be in writing; and
  - (b) may include details of a nominee to whom the applicant wishes information to be disclosed under section 30A instead of being disclosed directly to the applicant.

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- (3) If an applicant includes details of a nominee in accordance with sub-section (2)(b), the application must include the following—
  - (a) details of the nominee's relationship to the applicant; and
  - (b) the reason that the applicant wishes information under section 30A to be disclosed to the nominee rather than directly to the applicant; and
  - (c) an undertaking completed by the nominee that the nominee will not disclose the information disclosed under section 30A by the Secretary, other than in accordance with the Act.
- (4) An undertaking referred to in sub-section (3)(c) must be in the prescribed form.

S. 30C  
inserted by  
No. 14/2004  
s. 8.

**30C. Inclusion on the victims register**

- (1) A person who makes an application under section 30B who is a victim within the meaning of section 30A(1) must be included on the victims register.
- (2) A person who makes an application under section 30B who is not a victim within the meaning of section 30A(1) may be included on the victims register if the Secretary, in writing, approves the inclusion of that person on the register.
- (3) For the purposes of sub-section (2), the Secretary may approve the inclusion of a person on the register if that person—
  - (a) is not a victim within the meaning of paragraph (d) of the definition of "victim" in section 30A(1) but can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, a documented history of domestic violence being committed by a prisoner against that person;  
or

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- (b) can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, a substantial connection to the offence for which the prisoner is serving a sentence of imprisonment.

**30D. Secretary may refuse to include nominee details for person included on victims register**

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- (1) If an applicant under section 30B includes details of a nominee to whom the applicant wishes information under section 30A to be disclosed, the Secretary may include those details in respect of the applicant as part of the inclusion of the applicant as a person on the victims register if satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.
- (2) If an applicant under section 30B is included on the victims register, the Secretary may refuse to include details of an applicant's nominee if the Secretary believes on reasonable grounds that the disclosure of information under section 30A to the nominee—
- (a) may endanger—
- (i) the security of any prison; or
  - (ii) the safe custody and welfare of the prisoner or any other prisoner; or
  - (iii) the safety or welfare of any other person; or
- (b) may result in a contravention of section 30I.

**30E. Annual report**

**S. 30E**  
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s. 8.

- (1) The Secretary must provide an annual written report to the Minister and to the Attorney-General on the inclusion by the Secretary of persons on the victims register under section 30C(3).

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- (2) A report under sub-section (1) must include—
- (a) the number of applications for inclusion on the victims register received under section 30C(2); and
  - (b) the number of such applications approved by the Secretary under section 30C(3); and
  - (c) the categories of person which the Secretary has approved for inclusion on the victims register.

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**30F. Secretary may prepare guidelines**

- (1) The Secretary may prepare guidelines in relation to the exercise of powers under section 30C.
- (2) The Minister and the Attorney-General must both approve any guidelines prepared under sub-section (1).
- (3) Guidelines prepared under sub-section (1) and approved under sub-section (2)—
  - (a) must be published in the Government Gazette as soon as practicable after their preparation; and
  - (b) take effect on the date of publication in the Government Gazette.

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**30G. Release of information to "family members"**

The Secretary must not disclose information under section 30A to a person included on the victims register who is a family member within the meaning of section 30A(1) unless that person can show, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, that he or she is or was the primary care giver or next of kin of the person against whom the relevant offence for which the prisoner is serving a sentence of imprisonment was committed.

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**30H. Confidentiality of information**

A person included on the victims register and that person's nominee (if any) to whom information is disclosed under section 30A by the Secretary must treat that information in an appropriate manner that respects the confidential nature of the information.

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**30I. Offence to publish information disclosed under section 30A in electronic or print media**

**S. 30I**  
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- (1) A person must not publish in the electronic or print media or cause to be published in the electronic or print media any information relating to the personal affairs of a prisoner if that person knows that the information has been disclosed under section 30A.

Penalty: 60 penalty units, in the case of a natural person;

1200 penalty units, in the case of a body corporate.

- (2) A person must not, for the purposes of publication in the electronic or print media, solicit or obtain any information relating to the personal affairs of a prisoner, being information which has been disclosed under section 30A from—

(a) a person included on the victims register or that person's nominee (if any); or

(b) a person who has previously been included on the victims register or that person's nominee (if any).

Penalty: 60 penalty units, in the case of a natural person;

1200 penalty units, in the case of a body corporate.



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- (3) A person included on the victims register, a person who has previously been included on the victims register or the nominee of either of those persons must not disclose any information relating to the personal affairs of a prisoner which has been disclosed to that person under section 30A if that person reasonably believes that the information is likely to be or will be published in the electronic or print media or caused to be published in the electronic or print media.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (4) Nothing in this section prevents—
- (a) a nominee of a person included on the victims register disclosing information to the person on whose behalf information has been disclosed under section 30A by the Secretary to the nominee; or
  - (b) a person included on the victims register or a nominee of a person included on the victims register from disclosing information disclosed under section 30A by the Secretary to an authorised person.

- (5) In this section—

**"authorised person"** means—

- (a) in the case of a person included on the victims register, a family member within the meaning of section 30A(1);
- (b) a member of the police force, the DPP or a person employed in the Office of Public Prosecutions established under the **Public Prosecutions Act 1994** if that member or person is investigating an offence;

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- (c) a registered medical practitioner within the meaning of the **Medical Practice Act 1994** in the course of treatment of a person included on the victims register in relation to a condition or issues arising from that person being a victim of a criminal act of violence;
- (d) a registered psychologist within the meaning of the **Psychologists Registration Act 2000** in the course of treatment of a person included on the victims register in relation to a condition or issues arising from that person being a victim of a criminal act of violence;
- (e) a legal practitioner within the meaning of the **Legal Practice Act 1996** in the course of consulting that legal practitioner for legal advice;

**"Director of Public Prosecutions"** means the Director of Public Prosecutions appointed under section 87AB of the **Constitution Act 1975**;

**"information relating to the personal affairs of a prisoner"** has the same meaning as it has in section 30(1).

### 31. Children

- (1) At the request of a prisoner who is the child's parent the Secretary may permit the prisoner's child to live with the prisoner in the prison if the Secretary is satisfied that—
  - (a) it is in the best interests of the child to live with his or her parent in the prison; and
  - (b) the management good order or security of the prison will not be threatened by the child living in the prison.

S. 31(1)  
amended by  
Nos 16/1991  
s. 6, 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 24).

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S. 31(3)  
amended by  
Nos 16/1991  
s. 6, 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 24).

S. 31(4)  
inserted by  
No. 72/2001  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 4.3).

S. 31A  
inserted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 7,  
repealed by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 5.

- (2) The prisoner is responsible for the safety and care of the prisoner's child while the child lives in the prison.
- (3) If the Secretary considers that the child's behaviour is threatening the security or good order of the prison or the child's safety is threatened, the Secretary may cause the child to be removed from the prison.
- (4) In this section, "**parent**" of a child means a person who would have day to day care and control of the child and with whom the child would ordinarily be resident if the person were not in prison.

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### 32. Offences relating to prison security

- (1) A person who without being authorized to do so by this Act or the regulations—
  - (a) enters or attempts to enter a prison; or
  - (b) communicates or attempts to communicate with a prisoner; or
  - (c) takes or sends or attempts to take or send anything into or out of a prison—is guilty of an offence.  
Penalty: 2 years imprisonment.
- (2) If a prison officer believes on reasonable grounds that a person who is outside but near a prison or near a place where prisoners are, is acting in a way which threatens or is likely to threaten the security of the prison or the prisoners, the prison

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officer may order the person to leave the neighbourhood of the prison or place.

- (3) A person who disobeys an order to leave the neighbourhood of a prison or place is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (4) If a prison officer believes on reasonable grounds that a person is committing or has committed an offence under this section, the prison officer may apprehend the person without warrant.

S. 32(4)  
substituted by  
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- (4A) A prison officer who has apprehended a person pursuant to sub-section (4) must as soon as possible deliver the person to the custody of a member of the police force to be dealt with according to law.

S. 32(4A)  
inserted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 8.

- (5) The **Crimes Act 1958** (except section 458(1) and 458(2)) applies to the apprehension of a person under this section as if the person were found committing an offence within the meaning of section 458(1)(a) of that Act<sup>1</sup>.

**Division 2—Access to Prisons**

**33. Definitions**

In this Division—

**"official visitor"** means an official visitor appointed under this Division;

**"visitor"** means any of the following persons—

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"visitor"  
amended by  
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ss 7(b),  
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(a) a judge of the Supreme Court;

(b) a judge of the County Court;

(c) a magistrate;

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(e) an official visitor;

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- (f) the Ombudsman or the Ombudsman's officers;
- (g) a person authorized to visit a prison by the Minister, the Secretary or a Governor;
- (h) a person who visits a prison under section 37;
- (i) a lawyer;
- (j) a person authorized by a lawyer to act on the lawyer's behalf;
- (k) a member of the police force;
- (l) a person authorized to visit a prison under a contact visiting programme or a residential visiting programme.

S. 34  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 7(c).

**34. Visits by judges or magistrates**

- (1) A judge of the Supreme Court or the County Court or a magistrate may visit any prison at any time.
- (2) A person who visits a prison under this section may report on the visit to the Minister.
- (3) A person's report under this section to the Minister may include recommendations as to the action to be taken concerning any matters mentioned in the report.

**35. Appointment of official visitors**

- (1) For each prison the Minister may appoint official visitors.
- (2) The terms and conditions of appointment of an official visitor are those stated in the instrument of appointment.

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**36. Secrecy**

- (1) A person who is or has been an official visitor must not, except to the extent necessary to perform official duties, disclose or make use of information gained by the person as an official visitor.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (2) Sub-section (1) does not prevent a person from—
- (a) producing a document or giving evidence to a court, where the document or evidence includes information mentioned in sub-section (1), in the course of criminal proceedings under this Act; or
  - (b) disclosing information mentioned in sub-section (1) to a person nominated by the Minister.

**37. Visits by relatives or friends**

- (1) With the permission of the Governor, a prisoner's relatives or friends may enter a prison and visit the prisoner.
- (2) A relative or friend who visits a prisoner may see and speak with the prisoner but is not permitted to touch the prisoner, unless the visit is part of a contact visiting programme or residential visiting programme.
- (3) The Governor may give to a visitor under this section such orders as are necessary for the management and good order and security of the prison.
- (4) A visitor who disobeys a Governor's order is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

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**38. Contact visiting and residential visiting**

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amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 26).

(1) The Secretary may in accordance with the regulations by instrument approve contact visiting programmes under which a prisoner's family and friends may visit and have physical contact with the prisoner.

S. 38(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 26).

(2) The Secretary may in accordance with the regulations by instrument approve residential visiting programmes under which a prisoner's family may stay with the prisoner in the prison.

(3) The Governor of a prison must in accordance with the regulations bring to the attention of all prisoners eligible to take part in a contact visiting programme or a residential visiting programme the privileges offered by the programme.

(4) In this section "**family**" of a prisoner includes—  
(a) a near relative of the prisoner; and  
(b) any other person who has a long standing close personal relationship with the prisoner.

**39. Exclusion of visitors for security reasons**

(1) The Governor of a prison may by order prohibit a relative or friend wishing to visit a prisoner under sections 37 or 38 from entering or remaining in the prison if the Governor believes on reasonable grounds that the person's entry into the prison or visit to the prisoner might endanger the good order or security of the prison or the safety of the prisoners.

(2) The Governor of a prison may order a person visiting the prison under sections 37 or 38 to leave the prison if the Governor believes on reasonable grounds that—

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- (a) the person has committed an offence under section 32; or
  - (b) the person has contravened the regulations; or
  - (c) the person has disobeyed an order of the Governor given under this Division.
- (3) A person who disobeys an order under this section is guilty of an offence.
- Penalty: 10 penalty units.
- (4) If a visitor disobeys an order to leave a prison under this section a prison officer may, if necessary, use reasonable force to compel the visitor to leave the prison.
- (5) A prison officer who uses force to compel a visitor to leave a prison must as soon as possible report the fact to the Governor.
- (6) A prison officer is not liable for injury or damage caused by the use of force in accordance with this section.

**40. Visits by lawyers and their assistants**

- (1) A lawyer acting in the course of the lawyer's practice may at the times fixed by the regulations enter a prison and visit a prisoner.
- (2) As well as the visits authorized by sub-section (1) a lawyer acting in the course of the lawyer's practice may with the permission of the Minister, the Secretary or the Governor enter a prison and visit a prisoner.
- (3) With the Governor's permission, a person authorized by a lawyer to act on the lawyer's behalf in connection with the lawyer's practice may enter a prison and visit a prisoner.

S. 40(2)  
amended by  
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s. 17(Sch. 1  
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**41. Visits by the police**

- (1) A member of the police force may at the times fixed by the regulations enter a prison and visit a prisoner.
- (2) As well as visits authorized by sub-section (1), a member of the police force may with the permission of the Secretary or the Governor enter a prison and visit a prisoner at any time stated in the permission.
- (3) A prisoner may refuse a visit from a member of the police force under this section.
- (4) A prisoner is not required to answer questions asked by a member of the police force during a visit authorized by this section.
- (5) A prisoner may request a prison officer to be present at, or to observe but not hear, any part of an interview between the prisoner and a member of the police force visiting the prison.
- (6) Nothing in this section applies to any questioning or investigation by a member of the police force in accordance with an order made under section 464B(5) of the **Crimes Act 1958**.

S. 41(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 28).

S. 41(6)  
inserted by  
No. 86/2000  
s. 8(3).

**42. Visitors to give prescribed information**

- (1) A prison officer may require any person who wishes to enter, or who has entered, a prison as a visitor to give the prison officer information as to—
  - (a) the purpose of the visit or intended visit;
  - (b) the person's identity, address, occupation and age;
  - (c) the person's relationship (if any) to any prisoner the person wishes to visit.

S. 42(1)  
substituted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 30(1).

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- (2) A person who wishes to enter or has entered a prison as a visitor and who knowingly gives to a prison officer information that is false or misleading is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (3) If when asked, a person does not give the required information to a prison officer or gives information to a prison officer that is false or misleading the prison officer may—

**S. 42(3)**  
**amended by**  
**No. 45/2001**  
**s. 30(2).**

(a) if the person has not entered the prison, by order prohibit the person from entering the prison; or

(b) if the person has entered the prison, order the person to leave the prison immediately.

- (4) A person who disobeys an order under this section is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (5) A person ordered to leave a prison under this section may only re-enter the prison with the Secretary's permission.

**S. 42(5)**  
**amended by**  
**No. 45/1996**  
**s. 17(Sch. 1**  
**item 29).**

- (6) If a person disobeys an order to leave a prison, a prison officer may, if necessary, use reasonable force to compel the person to leave the prison.

- (7) A prison officer who orders a person to leave a prison or uses force to compel a person to leave a prison must as soon as possible report the fact to the Governor.

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**43. Governor may refuse or terminate visits for security reasons**

- (1) If the Governor of a prison believes on reasonable grounds that the security of the prison or the safety of a visitor is threatened, the Governor may—
- (a) by order prohibit a person from entering the prison as a visitor; or
  - (b) order the visitor to leave the prison immediately.

S. 43(1A)  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 21(1),  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 30).

- (1A) Without limiting any other power of the Secretary under this Act, if the Secretary believes on reasonable grounds that the good order or security of prisons or the safety of prisoners or visitors to prisons is threatened, the Secretary may by order prohibit a person from entering all or any prisons in Victoria as a visitor.

S. 43(1B)  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 21(1).

- (1B) An order under sub-section (1A) in relation to a matter prevails over any order under sub-section (1) or section 39 in relation to that matter.

S. 43(2)  
amended by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 21(2).

- (2) A person who disobeys an order under this section is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (3) If a person disobeys a Governor's order to leave a prison, a prison officer may, if necessary, use reasonable force to compel the person to leave the prison.

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**Division 3—Search and Seizure**

**44. Formal searches**

- (1) A person who wishes to enter or remain in a prison as a visitor must, if asked, submit to a formal search.
- (2) In this section "**formal search**" means a search to detect the presence of drugs weapons or metal articles carried out by an electronic or mechanical device.
- (3) If, when asked, a person does not submit to a formal search, a prison officer may prohibit the person from entering the prison or if the person is in the prison order the person to leave the prison immediately.

**45. Search**

- (1) The Governor of a prison may for the security or good order of the prison or the prisoners at any time order a prison officer to—
  - (a) search any part of the prison; or
  - (b) search and examine any person in the prison other than a judge of the Supreme Court or County Court, or a magistrate; or
  - (c) search and examine any thing in the prison; or
  - (d) as well as the formal search required by section 44, require a person wishing to enter a prison (other than a judge of the Supreme Court or County Court or a magistrate) to submit to search and examination of the person and of any thing in the person's possession or under the person's control; or
  - (e) conduct any search under paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) at random.

S. 45(1) amended by No. 16/1991 s. 9(a)(c).

S. 45(1)(b) substituted by No. 45/2001 s. 31.

S. 45(1)(e) inserted by No. 16/1991 s. 9(b).

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- (2) If the Governor of a prison outside the metropolitan area believes on reasonable grounds that, by reason of any activity outside but near the prison, the security or good order of the prison or the prisoners is threatened, the Governor may order a prison officer to search and examine any thing outside but near the prison and to require a person outside but near the prison to submit to a search.
- (3) If a person, other than a prisoner or a prison officer, refuses to submit to be searched under this section while inside the prison the Governor may order the person to leave the prison immediately.
- (4) A person who disobeys a Governor's order under sub-section (3) is guilty of an offence.  
Penalty: 5 penalty units.
- (5) A prison officer may, if necessary, use reasonable force to compel a person to obey an order to leave the prison.
- (6) A prison officer is not liable for injury or damage caused in carrying out searches in accordance with this section.
- (7) The Governor may at any time make an order terminating a search under this section.
- (8) In this section and sections 44 and 46—  
    "**metropolitan area**" means an area within the radius of 30 kilometres from the general post office at the corner of Elizabeth Street and Bourke Street; and  
    "**prison**" includes a place where prisoners are.

S. 45(8)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 15(4).

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**46. Seizure**

- (1) In carrying out searches under sections 44 and 45 a prison officer may seize any one or more of the following—
  - (a) any thing found in the prison, whether in a person's possession or not, which the prison officer believes on reasonable grounds jeopardizes or is likely to jeopardize the security or good order of the prison or the safety of persons in the prison;
  - (b) any thing found on a prisoner or in a prisoner's possession, other than a thing which the prisoner is authorized to wear or to possess under Division 4, the regulations, or a direction of the Governor;
  - (c) any thing which a prisoner is authorized to wear or to possess under Division 4, the regulations or a direction of the Governor, which the prison officer believes on reasonable grounds jeopardizes or is likely to jeopardize the security of the prison or the safety of persons in the prison.
- (2) A prison officer who seizes any thing under subsection (1) must immediately inform the Governor.
- (3) A Governor must deal in accordance with the regulations with any thing, which is not a drug of dependence, and is seized under this section.

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**Division 4—Prisoners Rights**

**47. Prisoners rights**

- (1) Every prisoner has the following rights—
- (a) if not ordinarily engaged in outdoor work, the right to be in the open air for at least an hour each day, if the weather permits;
  - (b) the right to be provided with food that is adequate to maintain the health and well-being of the prisoner;
  - (c) the right to be provided with special dietary food where the Governor is satisfied that such food is necessary for medical reasons or on account of the prisoner's religious beliefs or because the prisoner is a vegetarian;
  - (d) the right to be provided with clothing that is suitable for the climate and for any work which the prisoner is required to do and adequate to maintain the health of the prisoner;
  - (e) if not serving a sentence of imprisonment, the right to wear suitable clothing owned by the prisoner;
  - (f) the right to have access to reasonable medical care and treatment necessary for the preservation of health including, with the approval of the principal medical officer but at the prisoner's own expense, a private registered medical practitioner physiotherapist or chiropractor chosen by the prisoner;
  - (g) if intellectually disabled or mentally ill, the right to have reasonable access within the prison or, with the Governor's approval outside a prison to such special care and

S. 47(1)(f)  
amended by  
No. 23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 14.4).

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- treatment as the medical officer considers necessary or desirable in the circumstances;
- (h) the right to have access to reasonable dental treatment necessary for the preservation of dental health;
- (i) the right to practise a religion of the prisoner's choice and, if consistent with prison security and good prison management to join with other prisoners in practising that religion and to possess such articles as are necessary for the practice of that religion;
- (j) the right to make complaints concerning prison management to the Minister, the Secretary, the Commissioner, the Governor, an official visitor, the Ombudsman, the Health Services Commissioner and the Human Rights Commissioner;
- (k) the right to receive at least one visit which is to last at least half an hour in each week under section 37;
- (l) the right to be classified under a classification system established in accordance with the regulations as soon as possible after being sentenced and to have that classification reviewed annually;
- (m) subject to sections 47A and 47B, the right to send letters to, and receive letters from, the following people without those letters being opened by prison staff—
- (i) the Minister, the Secretary, the Commissioner or an official visitor;
  - (ii) a member of Parliament;
  - (iii) a legal practitioner representing the prisoner, or from whom the prisoner is seeking legal advice;
- S. 47(1)(j) amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 31), substituted by No. 45/2001 s. 32(a).**
- S. 47(1)(m) substituted by No. 45/2001 s. 32(b).**



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- (iv) the Ombudsman;
- (v) the Health Services Commissioner;
- (vi) the Human Rights Commissioner;
- (vii) any person authorised to act on behalf of a person listed in sub-paragraph (iv), (v) or (vi);

S. 47(1)(n)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 10(1),  
substituted by  
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s. 32(b).

- (n) subject to section 47D, the right to send and receive other letters uncensored by prison staff;

- (o) the right to take part in educational programmes in the prison.

- (2) A prisoner's rights under this section are additional to, and do not affect any other rights which a prisoner has under an Act other than this Act or at common law.

S. 47(3)  
inserted by  
No. 15/1989  
s. 29.

- (3) Sub-section (1)(m) does not prevent the opening of letters in accordance with section 28(3) of the **Ombudsman Act 1973** or section 86L(7) of the **Police Regulation Act 1958**.

S. 47(4)  
inserted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 10(2),  
repealed by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 32(c).

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inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
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**47A. Suspected dangerous letters may be disposed of**

If the Governor reasonably suspects that any letter to, or from, a prisoner contains an unauthorised article or substance that could pose an immediate danger to any person, the Governor may dispose of the letter in any manner he or she considers to be appropriate.

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**47B. Certain confidential letters may be inspected**

S. 47B  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
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- (1) This section applies if the Governor reasonably suspects that a letter to, or from, a prisoner contains any unauthorised article or substance, but section 47A does not apply.
- (2) If the letter is to, or from, a legal practitioner, the Health Services Commissioner or the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commissioner or any person authorised to act on behalf of either of those Commissioners, the Governor—
  - (a) may hold the letter and notify the prisoner and the legal practitioner, or the relevant Commissioner, of his or her suspicions; and
  - (b) may open and inspect the letter—
    - (i) in the presence of the prisoner and a representative of the legal practitioner or relevant Commissioner; or
    - (ii) in accordance with any alternative arrangement agreed with the legal practitioner or relevant Commissioner—but must not read or censor the letter.
- (3) If the Governor has not received a response from the relevant Commissioner or legal practitioner within 7 days after notice is given under subsection (2), the Governor may require the prisoner to open the letter to enable the Governor to inspect it.
- (4) If the letter is to, or from, the Minister, a member of Parliament, the Secretary, the Commissioner or an official visitor, the Governor may require the prisoner to open the letter to enable the Governor to inspect it.

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- (5) If a prisoner refuses a request to open a letter under sub-section (3) or (4), the Governor may open the letter.
- (6) In opening or inspecting a letter under this section, the Governor—
  - (a) may inspect the envelope, and any associated packet, parcel, container or wrapper; but
  - (b) must not read or censor the letter.

S. 47C  
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**47C. All other letters may be opened and read**

A prison officer may open, inspect and read a letter sent to, or received by, a prisoner by or from any person who is not listed in section 47(1)(m) to determine whether or not the contents of the letter may jeopardise the safety and security of the prison, the safe custody and welfare of any prisoner or the safety of the community.

S. 47D  
(Heading)  
substituted by  
No. 97/2004  
s. 3(1).

**47D. When letters may be stopped and censored**

S. 47D  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 33.

- (1) This section applies if the Governor reasonably believes that any letter to be sent by a prisoner to, or sent to a prisoner by, any person who is not listed in section 47(1)(m)—
  - (a) is a threat to prison security; or
  - (b) may be of a threatening or harassing nature;  
or
  - (c) may be being used to further an unlawful activity or purpose; or

S. 47D(1)  
amended by  
No. 97/2004  
s. 3(2).

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- (d) contains indecent, abusive, threatening or offensive written or pictorial matter, or an indecent, obscene or offensive article or substance; or
- (e) contravenes or would contravene section 47H.

S. 47D(1)(d)  
amended by  
No. 97/2004  
s. 3(3).

S. 47D(1)(e)  
inserted by  
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s. 3(4).

- (2) The Governor may—
  - (a) if the belief concerns the whole letter, stop the letter from being sent or received by the prisoner; or
  - (b) if the belief concerns only part of a letter, cause the relevant part of the letter to be censored.

**47E. Letter register**

S. 47E  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 33.

The Governor must establish and maintain a register containing—

- (a) details of every letter disposed of under section 47A; and
- (b) details of every letter opened under—
  - (i) section 47B(2), (3), (4) or (5); or
  - (ii) section 28(3) of the **Ombudsman Act 1973**; or
  - (iii) section 86L(7) of the **Police Regulation Act 1958**; and
- (c) the reasons for opening any letter referred to in paragraph (b); and
- (d) details of any unauthorised article or substance found in conducting an inspection in relation to a letter; and
- (e) details of any other action taken in relation to a letter or anything found in or with a letter.

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S. 47G  
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S. 47H  
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**Division 5—Change of Name Applications by Prisoners**

**47F. Application**

This Division applies despite anything to the contrary in the **Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996**.

**47G. Definitions**

In this Division—

**"change of name application"** means an application by or on behalf of a prisoner for registration of—

- (a) a change of the prisoner's name; or
- (b) a change of the name of a child of the prisoner;

**"Victorian Registrar"** means Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996.

**47H. Applications for change of name by or on behalf of a prisoner**

- (1) A prisoner must not make a change of name application to a Registrar without having first obtained the written approval of the Secretary.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (2) A person must not make a change of name application to a Registrar on behalf of a prisoner unless the written approval of the Secretary is first obtained.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

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- (3) In this section, "**Registrar**" means—
- (a) the Victorian Registrar; or
  - (b) an authority responsible under a law of another State or a Territory for the registration of births, deaths and marriages.

**47I. Approval by Secretary**

S. 47I  
inserted by  
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s. 4.

- (1) Subject to sub-section (2), the Secretary may only approve a change of name application if he or she is satisfied that the change of name is in all the circumstances necessary or reasonable.
- (2) The Secretary must not approve a change of name application if he or she is satisfied that the change of name would, if registered, be reasonably likely—
  - (a) to be a threat to prison security; or
  - (b) to jeopardise the safe custody or welfare of any prisoner; or
  - (c) to be used to further an unlawful activity or purpose; or
  - (d) to be regarded as offensive by a victim of crime or an appreciable sector of the community.

**47J. Approval to be notified in writing**

S. 47J  
inserted by  
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s. 4.

If the Secretary approves a change of name application, the Secretary must—

- (a) as soon as practicable, give written notice of the approval to the person who made the application; and
- (b) if the prisoner consents, give a copy of the written notice of approval to the Victorian Registrar.

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**47K. Registration of change of name**

The Victorian Registrar must not register a change of name under the **Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996** if—

- (a) the Victorian Registrar knows that—
  - (i) the application for the change of name is made by or on behalf of a prisoner; and
  - (ii) the change of name relates to the name of the prisoner or a child of the prisoner; and
- (b) the Victorian Registrar has not received a copy of the notice of approval of the Secretary to the application under section 47J.

S. 47L  
inserted by  
No. 97/2004  
s. 4.

**47L. Registrar may correct Register**

Without limiting section 43 of the **Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996**, the Victorian Registrar may correct the Register under that section if—

- (a) the name of a prisoner or a child of a prisoner on the Register was changed because of a change of name application; and
- (b) the Secretary had not approved that change of name application under section 47I.

PART 7—PRISON DISCIPLINE

48. Definitions

In this Part—

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S. 48 def. of "Chief prison officer" repealed by No. 16/1991 s. 11(1).

**"disciplinary officer"** means a prison officer—

- (a) nominated by the Secretary as a disciplinary officer; or
- (b) in a class of prison officers nominated by the Secretary as disciplinary officers;

S. 48 def. of "disciplinary officer" inserted by No. 16/1991 s. 11(1), amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 32).

**"privilege"** in relation to a prison means any of the privileges determined in accordance with the regulations for that prison;

**"prison offence"** means a contravention of this Act or the regulations;

**"register of offences"** means the register of prison offences established in accordance with the regulations.

49. Disciplinary officers

The Secretary may by instrument nominate—

- (a) a prison officer to be a disciplinary officer in a prison or in any part of a prison; or
- (b) officers in a class of prison officers to be disciplinary officers in a prison or in any part of a prison.

S. 49 substituted by No. 16/1991 s. 11(2), amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 33).



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**50. Prison offences**

S. 50(1)  
amended by  
Nos 16/1991  
s. 11(3),  
45/2001  
s. 34(1).

- (1) If an officer within the meaning of Part 5 or an escort officer suspects that a prisoner has committed a prison offence the officer must as soon as possible report the fact to the disciplinary officer.

S. 50(2)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 11(3).

- (2) The disciplinary officer must make proper investigation of all alleged prison offences which come to the officer's notice and must give the prisoner alleged to have committed the offence an opportunity of making an explanation.

S. 50(3)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 11(3).

- (3) If after investigating an alleged prison offence the disciplinary officer is satisfied that no offence has been committed the disciplinary officer is to take no further action.

S. 50(4)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 11(3).

- (4) If after investigating an alleged prison offence the disciplinary officer is satisfied that the offence has been committed but is trivial, the disciplinary officer need take no further action.

S. 50(5)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
ss 11(3),  
12(a)(i).

- (5) Subject to sub-section (4) if after investigating an alleged prison offence the disciplinary officer is satisfied that the prisoner has committed the offence the disciplinary officer must record the offence in the register of offences and may, in addition, do one of the following—

- (a) reprimand a prisoner; or
- (b) withdraw one of the prisoner's privileges for less than 14 days; or

S. 50(5)(c)  
repealed by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 12(a)(ii).

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S. 50(5)(d)  
amended by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 34(2)(a).

- (d) charge the prisoner with the prison offence.

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S. 50(5)(e)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 12(a)(iii),  
repealed by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 34(2)(b).

(5A) In addition to any action the disciplinary officer may take under sub-section (5)(a), (b) or (d), the disciplinary officer may also take steps to have the matter dealt with under the criminal law.

S. 50(5A)  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 34(3).

(6) A charge for a prison offence must be in writing, and the disciplinary officer must as soon as possible give a copy of the charge to the Governor and the prisoner.

S. 50(6)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 11(3).

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S. 50(7)(8)  
repealed by  
No. 44/1991  
s. 6(d).

(9) A decision or purported decision of a disciplinary officer under this section cannot be appealed against, reviewed, challenged or called in question in any court.

S. 50(9)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 11(3).

**51. Governor's action where charge laid**

On receiving a copy of a charge for a prison offence the Governor may do any of the following—

- (a) if satisfied that the prison offence should have been dealt with by the disciplinary officer, refer the matter back to the disciplinary officer to be dealt with under section 50(5);
- (b) if the Governor believes that the Governor has an interest which would prejudice the fair hearing of the charge, refer the matter to another Governor for hearing;
- (c) hear the charge;

S. 51(a)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
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S. 51(d)  
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(d) take steps to have the matter dealt with under the criminal law.

**52. Secretary may nominate Governor to hear charge**

S. 52(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
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- (1) At any time before a Governor's hearing a prisoner charged with a prison offence may ask the Governor to refer the matter to another Governor for hearing.
- (2) As soon as possible after receiving a request under sub-section (1) the Governor must refer it to the Secretary unless the Governor refers the charge for a prison offence to another Governor for hearing.

S. 52(3)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 34).

- (3) On receiving a request under sub-section (1) the Secretary may grant it and may nominate another Governor to hear the charge for the prison offence or may refuse the request.

S. 52(4)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 34).

- (4) As soon as possible after deciding to grant or refuse a request under sub-section (3) the Secretary must give notice of the decision to the Governor of the prison concerned.

S. 52(5)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 34).

- (5) A Governor who has received a request under sub-section (1) must not hear the charge for the prison offence to which the request relates unless and until the Secretary notifies the Governor that the request has been refused.

**53. Governor's hearing**

S. 53(1)  
substituted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 13(1).

- (1) If a charge is to be heard by the Governor of the prison or by another Governor, the Governor of the prison must—
- (a) not less than 72 hours before the hearing; or
- (b) if the Governor and prisoner agree to a shorter period, within that shorter period; or

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(c) if the prisoner is due to be discharged from prison within 7 days of the alleged prison offence occurring or if, in the opinion of the Secretary, a period of notice shorter than 72 hours is necessary for the security or good order of the prison, within the period determined by the Secretary—

S. 53(1)(c)  
amended by  
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give notice to the prisoner of the time, date and place of the hearing.

(2) At a hearing a Governor must allow the prisoner reasonable opportunity to call relevant witnesses and cross examine the person conducting the case against the prisoner and witnesses called by that person.

(3) At a Governor's hearing the prisoner, if he or she attends the hearing may be represented by another prisoner if the Governor approves.

S. 53(3)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 13(2).

(3A) If a prisoner, having been given notice under subsection (1) of the time, date and place of the hearing, refuses or fails to attend the hearing, the Governor by whom the charge is to be heard may proceed to hear and determine the charge in the prisoner's absence.

S. 53(3A)  
inserted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 13(3).

(4) If at a Governor's hearing the Governor finds that the prisoner is guilty of the prison offence or the prisoner admits the truth of the charge, the Governor may impose any of the following penalties—

- (a) a reprimand;
- (b) a fine not exceeding 1 penalty unit;
- (c) withdrawal of one or more of the prisoner's privileges for a period not exceeding 14 days for each prison offence committed, but not exceeding in total 30 days;

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S. 53(4)(d)  
repealed by  
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s. 6(e).

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- (5) The payment of fines imposed under sub-section (4) may be recovered by deduction in accordance with the regulations from moneys payable to, or held by or for, the prisoner.
- (6) For each prison offence committed the Governor must not under sub-section (4) impose more than one of the penalties listed in that sub-section.

S. 54  
amended by  
No. 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 35.1),  
repealed by  
No. 44/1991  
s. 6(f).

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S. 54A  
inserted by  
No. 16/1991  
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**54A. Power of Secretary to withdraw privileges**

S. 54A(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 36).

- (1) If the Secretary is satisfied that—
  - (a) an investigation into whether a prisoner committed a prison offence is being carried out; or
  - (b) a prisoner has been charged under section 50(5)(d) with a prison offence; or
  - (c) steps have been taken to have an alleged prison offence dealt with under the criminal law—

the Secretary may withdraw one or more of the prisoner's privileges for such period as the Secretary thinks fit.

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- (2) The Secretary may only withdraw a prisoner's privileges under sub-section (1) if he or she is satisfied that it is necessary to do so in the interests of the management, good order and security of the prison concerned.
- (3) The withdrawal of privileges under sub-section (1) does not affect the imposition of any other penalties under this Part or under the criminal law in respect of the prison offence.
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**S. 54A(2)**  
**amended by**  
**No. 45/1996**  
**s. 17(Sch. 1**  
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s. 6(g).

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**Division 1—Definitions**

**55. Definitions**

(1) In this Part—

S. 55(1) def. of  
"approved  
programme"  
repealed by  
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**"Board"** means the parole board established  
under this Part;

**"parole period"** means a period beginning on the  
day on which a person is released from  
prison on parole and ending at the end of the  
person's prison sentence;

S. 55(1) def. of  
"pre-release  
permit"  
repealed by  
No. 44/1991  
s. 6(h).

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S. 55(1) def. of  
"prison  
sentence"  
amended by  
Nos 44/1991  
s. 6(i), 49/1991  
s. 119(7)  
(Sch. 4 item  
3.4(a)(b)).

**"prison sentence"** in relation to a person means  
the total of the following sentences or non-  
parole periods which have been imposed or  
determined in relation to the person, reduced  
as provided for under this or any other Act—

- (a) if a non-parole period has not been  
fixed in relation to a sentence of  
imprisonment—the sentence of  
imprisonment;

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- (b) if a non-parole period has been fixed in relation to a sentence of imprisonment and the prisoner has not served the non-parole period—the non-parole period;
- (c) if a non-parole period has been fixed in relation to a sentence of imprisonment and the prisoner has served the non-parole period and is not on parole—so much of the sentence as the board determines for the purposes of this definition.

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S. 55(2)  
repealed by  
No. 44/1991  
s. 6(j).

**Division 1A—Escort Officers**

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inserted by  
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**55A. Powers of Secretary in relation to escort officers**

S. 55A  
inserted by  
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- (1) The Secretary may direct an escort officer to transport or supervise a prisoner.
- (2) An escort officer must comply with a direction of the Secretary.

**55B. Escort officers subject to direction of court or tribunal**

S. 55B  
inserted by  
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s. 15.

- (1) An escort officer must, if directed by the court, supervise a person who has surrendered himself or herself into the custody of the court in answer to his or her bail.
- (2) An escort officer must comply with any lawful direction of the court or tribunal when supervising—



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- (a) a prisoner appearing before the court or tribunal; or
- (b) a person who has surrendered himself or herself into the custody of a court in answer to his or her bail.

S. 55C  
inserted by  
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s. 15.

**55C. Functions and powers of escort officers in relation to prisoners**

- (1) An escort officer has the following functions in relation to a prisoner he or she is transporting or supervising—
  - (a) to take all reasonable steps to prevent the escape or attempted escape of the prisoner from the physical custody of the escort officer;
  - (b) to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the prisoner's safety and welfare are maintained;
  - (c) to take all reasonable steps to prevent and detect the commission by the prisoner of any unlawful act or any attempt to commit an unlawful act;
  - (d) to take all reasonable steps to ensure the good order and discipline of the prisoner;
  - (e) to take all reasonable steps to ensure the security of any property that is in the prisoner's possession;
  - (f) to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the prisoner is transported to or from the appropriate place as required by the Secretary;
  - (g) to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the prisoner is transferred—
    - (i) into the physical custody of another person acting on behalf of the Secretary; or

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- (ii) if legal custody of the prisoner is authorised to be transferred to a person other than the Secretary, into the physical custody of a person acting on behalf of the person to whom legal custody is to be transferred.
- (2) An escort officer has the following powers in relation to a prisoner he or she is transporting or supervising—
- (a) to order the prisoner to do or not to do anything which the escort officer believes on reasonable grounds is necessary for the safety of the escort officer, the prisoner or any other person;
  - (b) to search and examine the prisoner or any thing in the prisoner's possession or under the prisoner's control if the escort officer believes on reasonable grounds that this is necessary for the safety of the escort officer, the prisoner or any other person;
  - (c) to seize any thing found on the prisoner or in the prisoner's possession or under the prisoner's control if the escort officer believes on reasonable grounds that this is necessary for the safety of the escort officer, the prisoner or any other person;
  - (d) to apply an authorised instrument of restraint to the prisoner for the duration of the transport or supervision of the prisoner if the Secretary believes on reasonable grounds that the application of the instrument of restraint is necessary to prevent the escape of the prisoner or the assault of, or injury to, any person;
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- (e) to apply an authorised instrument of restraint to the prisoner during the transport or supervision of a prisoner if the conduct of the prisoner during that transport or supervision has been such that it is reasonable to believe that the application of the instrument of restraint is necessary to prevent the escape of the prisoner or the assault of, or injury to, any person.

S. 55D  
inserted by  
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**55D. Authorisation of instruments of restraint**

An escort officer may apply an instrument of restraint to a person being transported only if—

- (a) the instrument, or type of instrument, is approved by the Secretary; and
- (b) the instrument is used in the manner determined by the Secretary.

S. 55E  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 15.

**55E. Use of reasonable force**

- (1) An escort officer may, where necessary, use reasonable force to compel a prisoner to obey an order given by the escort officer in the exercise of a function or power.
- (2) An escort officer who uses force in accordance with this section is not liable for injury or damage caused by that use of force.

S. 55F  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 15.

**55F. Report to Secretary**

- (1) An escort officer must immediately report to the Secretary the escape or suspected escape of a prisoner—
  - (a) from the physical custody of the escort officer; or
  - (b) from the physical custody of another person who is transporting or supervising the prisoner, if the escape or suspected escape comes to the escort officer's notice.

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- (2) An escort officer must report to the Secretary without delay—
- (a) anything which might reasonably be thought to jeopardise the welfare of a prisoner the escort officer is transporting or supervising;
  - (b) the exercise of any of the powers the escort officer has under sections 55C(2)(b) to 55C(2)(e) in relation to the prisoner;
  - (c) on the commission by the prisoner of an act that is, in the opinion of the escort officer, an unlawful act or an attempt to commit an unlawful act;
  - (d) on an omission by a prisoner that is, in the opinion of the escort officer, an unlawful omission;
  - (e) if the escort officer uses force to compel a prisoner to obey an order.

**55G. Functions and powers of escort officers in relation to persons surrendering to court**

S. 55G  
inserted by  
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s. 15.

- (1) This section applies if an escort officer is directed by a court to supervise a person who—
- (a) has surrendered himself or herself into the custody of the court in answer to his or her bail; or
  - (b) has been ordered by the court to be detained in custody on the court premises.
- (2) The escort officer, in relation to the supervision of the person, has the functions set out in sections 55C(1) and 55F, and may exercise the powers set out in sections 55C(2) and 55E.

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- (3) For the purposes of sub-section (2), sections 55C, 55E and 55F apply as if—
  - (a) any reference to a prisoner were a reference to the person being supervised; and
  - (b) any reference to the Secretary were a reference to the court.
- (4) The court may direct the escort officer to exercise one or more of the powers set out in sections 55C(2) and 55E.
- (5) For the purposes of sub-section (4), if the escort officer is directed by the court to exercise a power under section 55C(2), that section applies as if it did not require the escort officer to form a belief on reasonable grounds before exercising the power.

S. 55H  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 15.

**55H. How are things seized by an escort officer to be dealt with?**

- (1) An escort officer who is transporting or supervising a prisoner and who seizes a thing under section 55C(2), must, as soon as is practicable, give the thing to the Secretary.
- (2) The Secretary must deal with or dispose of the seized thing in accordance with the regulations.
- (3) An escort officer who is supervising a person at the direction of a court under section 55B and who seizes a thing under section 55C(2), must, as soon as is practicable, give the thing to the court to be dealt with or disposed of as the court thinks appropriate.

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**55I. Powers of members of police force**

- (1) If an escort officer is authorised to transport a person to or from a prison or police gaol or other place, then, unless the court otherwise determines, a member of the police force may, at the request of the Secretary, transport the person to or from that place in place of the escort officer, or may assist the escort officer to transport the person.
- (2) A member of the police force who is transporting, or assisting in the transport of, a person under this section may do anything in relation to that person that an escort officer transporting the person may do.
- (3) A person who is being transported only by members of the police force under sub-section (1) is deemed to be in the legal custody of the Chief Commissioner of Police while being so transported.
- (4) If one or more members of the police force assist an escort officer to transport a person under this section, the person is deemed to be in the legal custody of the Secretary while being so transported.

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**55J. Additional powers of escort officers**

- (1) An escort officer may execute a warrant to imprison, or a remand warrant, as if the escort officer was a prison officer.
- (2) A warrant to imprison or a remand warrant may be directed to an escort officer.

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Pt 8 Div. 2  
(Heading and  
s. 56)  
amended by  
Nos 16/1987  
s. 4(3)(Sch. 1  
item 7(e)),  
16/1991  
s. 3(2)-(5),  
45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 37(a)(b)),  
substituted as  
Pt 8 Div. 2  
(Heading and  
ss 56–56AB)  
by No.  
45/2001 s. 16.

**Division 2—Transfer of Prisoners**

S. 56  
substituted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 16.

**56. Transfers between prisons**

The Secretary may, by instrument, direct the transfer of a prisoner or a class of prisoner from one prison to another or from one part of a prison to another part of a prison.

S. 56AA  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 16.

**56AA. Transfers to and from police gaols**

- (1) The Secretary may, by instrument, direct the transfer of a prisoner from a prison to a police gaol.
- (2) The Secretary may, by instrument, authorise the transfer from a police gaol to a prison of a person who is in the legal custody of the Chief Commissioner of Police under Part 1A.

S. 56AB  
inserted by  
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**56AB. Legal custody of prisoners and detainees transferred to institutions and approved mental health services**

- (1) This section applies if a prisoner in a prison or a person detained in a police gaol is transferred from the prison or police gaol to—

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- (a) an approved mental health service within the meaning of the **Mental Health Act 1986** in accordance with that Act;
- (b) a residential institution within the meaning of the **Intellectually Disabled Persons' Services Act 1986** in accordance with that Act;
- (c) a residential service within the meaning of the **Intellectually Disabled Persons' Services Act 1986** in accordance with that Act.
- (2) On a transfer referred to in sub-section (1) of a prisoner or person, the prisoner or person is deemed to be in the legal custody of—
- (a) the person specified as the person who is to have the custody of the prisoner or person under the **Mental Health Act 1986**, the **Intellectually Disabled Persons' Services Act 1986** or the **Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997**;
- (b) in the case of a transfer referred to in sub-section (1)(a), if no person is specified under the **Mental Health Act 1986**, the authorised psychiatrist of the approved mental health service;
- (c) in the case of a transfer referred to in sub-section (1)(b) or (1)(c), if no person is specified under the **Intellectually Disabled Persons' Services Act 1986**, the chief executive of the place to which the prisoner or person is transferred.
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- (3) A transfer referred to in sub-section (1) of a prisoner or person occurs when the person who is to have legal custody of the prisoner or person, or a person acting under lawful authority on behalf of the person who is to have legal custody, accepts physical custody of the prisoner or person.

Note: Specific provision for the transfer or return of prisoners and other people can be found in sections 16, 17, 36, 37, 44 and 45 of the **Mental Health Act 1986**, in sections 21, 21A, 37 and 39 of the **Intellectually Disabled Persons' Services Act 1986** and in Division 10 of Part 4 of the **Children and Young Persons Act 1989** (this list is not exhaustive).

Pt 8 Div. 2A  
(Heading and  
s. 56A)  
inserted by  
No. 70/1987  
s. 8.

**Division 2A—Absence to give Evidence at Foreign Proceedings**

S. 56A  
inserted by  
No. 70/1987  
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**56A. Arrangements with Commonwealth**

S. 56A(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
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- (1) If, under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 1987 of the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth Attorney-General makes arrangements for the travel of a prisoner to a foreign country to give evidence at a proceeding or assistance in relation to an investigation relating to a criminal matter, the Secretary may, by instrument, authorise the prisoner to be released from prison for the purpose of travelling to the foreign country to give evidence at the proceeding or assistance in relation to the investigation.

S. 56A(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
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- (2) An authority given by the Secretary under sub-section (1) may be subject to any conditions the Secretary thinks fit.

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**Division 3—Custodial Community Permits**

Pt 8 Div. 3  
(Heading and  
ss 57, 58)  
substituted as  
Pt 8 Div. 3  
(Heading and  
ss 57–58D) by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 15(1).

**57. Secretary may issue custodial community permits**

S. 57  
substituted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 15(1).

(1) The Secretary may, subject to and in accordance with the regulations, issue a custodial community permit to a prisoner for any of the following purposes—

S. 57(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 39).

- (a) a purpose relating to the health, physical fitness or education of the prisoner;
- (b) a purpose related to the administration of justice, including (but not limited to) being under police protection on account of evidence given or to be given by the prisoner in a legal proceeding within the meaning of the **Evidence Act 1958**;
- (c) to look for, or perform, work, including (but not limited to) unpaid community work;
- (d) to visit a person with whom the prisoner has had a long standing personal relationship if that person is seriously ill or in acute personal need;
- (e) to attend the funeral of a person with whom the prisoner had a long standing personal relationship;
- (f) to take part in a programme approved by the Secretary that is designed to facilitate—
  - (i) the rehabilitation of the prisoner; or

S. 57(1)(f)  
amended by  
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s. 17(Sch. 1  
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- (ii) the prisoner's reintegration in the community; or
  - (iii) the preparation of the prisoner for release; or
  - (iv) the maintenance of the prisoner's family ties.
- (2) A custodial community permit—
- (a) authorises the prisoner to be absent from the prison for the period stated in the permit; and
  - (b) is subject to the conditions set out in the regulations and any other conditions stated in the permit.
- (3) Subject to sub-sections (4) and (5), the period stated in a custodial community permit must not exceed 3 days.
- (4) The period stated in a custodial community permit may exceed 3 days if the purpose for which the permit was issued is—
- (a) being under police protection as mentioned in sub-section (1)(b); or
  - (aa) a purpose relating to the health or physical fitness of a prisoner; or
  - (b) performing unpaid community work; or
  - (c) taking part in a programme referred to in sub-section (1)(f).
- (5) If—
- (a) the purpose for which a custodial community permit was issued is performing unpaid community work; and

S. 57(4)(aa)  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
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(b) the prisoner has been imprisoned in default of payment of a monetary penalty or an instalment under an instalment order—

the period which may be stated in the permit is the whole or the remaining part of the term for which the prisoner may be imprisoned.

(6) Subject to section 6B, a prisoner who is authorised to be absent from prison under a custodial community permit continues in the legal custody of the Secretary while absent.

S. 57(6) amended by Nos 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 39), 45/2001 s. 17(2)(a)(b).

(7) The Secretary may issue a custodial community permit in accordance with this section to a prisoner who is not in a prison.

S. 57(7) inserted by No. 45/2001 s. 17(3).

(8) If the Secretary issues a custodial community permit in accordance with sub-section (7), the Secretary must nominate a prison as the prison from which the prisoner is authorised to be absent.

S. 57(8) inserted by No. 45/2001 s. 17(3).

**58. Breach of custodial community permit**

A prisoner who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with any conditions of a custodial community permit is guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than 3 years.

S. 58 substituted by No. 16/1991 s. 15(1).

**58A. Powers of Secretary with respect to custodial community permits**

(1) The Secretary may before the prisoner is allowed to be absent from the prison under a custodial community permit or at any time during the period of such a permit—

S. 58A inserted by No. 16/1991 s. 15(1).

(a) vary or revoke any condition of the permit or impose any additional condition; or

S. 58A(1) amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 40).

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(b) subject to section 57, vary the period of the permit; or

(c) revoke the permit.

- (2) The revocation of a custodial community permit or the varying or revocation of a condition or the varying of the period of such a permit or the imposing of an additional condition takes effect immediately.

S. 58B  
inserted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 15(1).

**58B. Visitors to give prescribed information**

- (1) In this section and sections 58C and 58D—

**"prisoner"** means a prisoner who is authorised to be absent from a prison under a custodial community permit.

- (2) If a prison officer believes on reasonable grounds that the safety or security of a prisoner or the safety of a visitor to the prisoner is threatened, the prison officer may ask any person who wishes to visit the prisoner to give to the prison officer information as to the person's name, address, relationship (if any) to the prisoner and as to the purpose of the person's visit.
- (3) A person who wishes to visit a prisoner must, give the required information to a prison officer if asked to do so under sub-section (2).
- (4) A person who wishes to visit or visits a prisoner and who knowingly gives to a prison officer information that is false or misleading is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (5) If when asked, a person does not give the required information to a prison officer or gives information to a prison officer which is false or misleading the prison officer may—

S. 58B(5)  
amended by  
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s. 35.

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- (a) prohibit the person from visiting the prisoner; or
  - (b) direct the person to leave the place where the prisoner is.
- (6) A person who disobeys an order under this section is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

**58C. Governor may refuse or terminate visits for security reasons**

S. 58C  
inserted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 15(1).

- (1) If the Governor of the prison from which a prisoner is absent under a custodial community permit believes on reasonable grounds that the safety or security of the prisoner or the safety of a visitor to the prisoner is threatened, the Governor may—
- (a) by order prohibit a person from visiting the prisoner; or
  - (b) order the visitor to leave immediately the place where the prisoner is.
- (2) A person who disobeys a Governor's order under this section is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

**58D. Offence to give item to prisoner**

S. 58D  
inserted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 15(1).

A visitor to a prisoner who gives or attempts to give to the prisoner anything which jeopardises or is likely to jeopardise the security, management or safety of the prisoner or the safety of persons at the place where the prisoner is, is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: 2 years imprisonment.

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(Heading and  
s. 58E)  
inserted by  
No. 44/1991  
s. 4(1).

**Division 3A—Emergency Management Days**

S. 58E  
inserted by  
No. 44/1991  
s. 4(1).

**58E. Emergency management days**

S. 58E(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 41).

- (1) The Secretary may, in accordance with the regulations, reduce the length of a sentence of imprisonment being served by a person or the length of the non-parole period (if one has been fixed in respect of the sentence) on account of good behaviour while suffering disruption or deprivation—
  - (a) during an industrial dispute or emergency existing in the prison or police gaol in which the sentence is being served; or
  - (b) in other circumstances of an unforeseen and special nature.
- (2) Sub-section (1) applies to all sentences of imprisonment, including any imposed for murder, irrespective of whether the sentences were imposed before or after the commencement of this section.

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**Division 4—Home Detention Orders**

Pt 8 Div. 4  
(Heading and  
ss 59, 60)  
repealed by  
No. 44/1991  
s. 3(1), new  
Pt 8 Div. 4  
(Heading and  
ss 59–60X)  
inserted by  
No. 53/2003  
s. 14.

**59. Home detention order**

New s. 59  
inserted by  
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s. 14.

- (1) At the request of a prisoner, the Board may make a home detention order in respect of the prisoner if the Board is satisfied that—
  - (a) on the date the order takes effect—
    - (i) the prisoner will have served at least two-thirds of the minimum term of imprisonment; and
    - (ii) the prisoner will be eligible for parole or for release in 6 months or less; and
  - (b) the prisoner is being held under minimum security conditions.
- (2) The Board must not make a home detention order in respect of a prisoner if—
  - (a) the prisoner is serving an indefinite sentence; or
  - (b) the prisoner is eligible for parole but has not been granted parole; or
  - (c) the prisoner is on parole.
- (3) A prisoner to whom a home detention order applies must be taken for all purposes to be serving a sentence of imprisonment for the whole term stated in the order except for the purpose of any enactment providing for disqualification for, or the forfeiture or suspension of, pensions or other benefits.



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New s. 60  
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**60. Order must not be made if other residents object**

- (1) The Board must not make a home detention order unless the Board is satisfied that all persons of or over the age of 18 years who will be residing with the prisoner—
  - (a) have been consulted by the Secretary or a person authorised by the Secretary, without the prisoner being present, about the making of the home detention order; and
  - (b) have acknowledged in writing that they understand the requirements of the home detention order and are prepared to live in conformity with them; and
  - (c) subject to sub-section (3), have consented in writing to the prisoner residing with them under a home detention order.
- (2) The Board must not make a home detention order unless the Board is satisfied that—
  - (a) so far as practicable the wishes and feelings of any person under the age of 18 years who will be residing with the offender under a home detention order have been ascertained; and
  - (b) due consideration has been given to them, having regard to the age and understanding of the person.
- (3) The Board may dispense with the consent of a person under sub-section (1), if the Board is satisfied that the person lacks the capacity to give that consent.
- (4) If the Board dispenses with the consent of a person, the Board must not make the order unless the Board is satisfied that—
  - (a) so far as practicable the wishes and feelings of the person have been ascertained; and

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- (b) due consideration has been given to them, having regard to the understanding of the person.

**60A. Home detention not available for certain offences**

S. 60A  
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The Board must not make a home detention order in respect of a prisoner if the prisoner has at any time been found guilty of any of the following—

- (a) an offence to which clause 1, 2, 3 or 4 of Schedule 1 to the **Sentencing Act 1991** applies; or
- (b) an offence, which in the opinion of the court, was committed in circumstances which involved behaviour of a sexual nature; or
- (c) an offence that involves the use of a firearm or a prohibited weapon (within the meaning of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990**); or
- (d) a breach of an intervention order under section 4 of the **Crimes (Family Violence) Act 1987** or an order of a corresponding nature made in another State or a Territory; or
- (e) an offence under section 21A of the **Crimes Act 1958** (stalking).

**60B. Suitability of prisoner for home detention**

S. 60B  
inserted by  
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- (1) The Board may only make a home detention order if the Board is satisfied—
- (a) that the prisoner is a suitable person to be released on home detention; and
- (b) that it is appropriate in all of the circumstances that a home detention order be made in respect of the prisoner; and

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- (c) on written advice received from the Secretary that—
- (i) a place will be available for the prisoner in a home detention program approved by the Secretary from the day on which the prisoner is released on home detention; and
  - (ii) the home detention program is located close enough to the place where the prisoner will reside during the period of the order to ensure adequate support and supervision; and
- (d) that the prisoner has consented in writing to the making of the order and has made the written undertakings required by section 60H; and
- (e) that a home detention assessment report has been prepared on the prisoner in accordance with section 60D.
- (2) In deciding whether or not to make a home detention order, the Board must have regard to the contents of a home detention assessment report on the prisoner.
- (3) The Board may, for any reason it considers sufficient, decline to make a home detention order despite the contents of a home detention assessment report.
- (4) The Board may make a home detention order only if a home detention assessment report states that, in the opinion of the person making the assessment, the prisoner is suitable for a home detention order.

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**60C. Evidence of home detention order**

The Secretary of the Board must ensure that 4 copies of a home detention order made by the Board are signed by the Secretary of the Board or a member of the Board and of them—

- (a) one is retained by the Board; and
- (b) one is delivered to the Secretary to the Department of Justice; and
- (c) one is delivered to the prisoner in respect of whom the order is made; and
- (d) one is delivered to the Governor of the relevant prison if the prisoner is to be released from prison.

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**60D. Assessment for home detention**

- (1) If the Board is considering making a home detention order, the Board must request the Secretary to prepare a home detention assessment report in respect of a prisoner.
- (2) The purpose of a home detention assessment report is to assess the suitability of a prisoner for a home detention order.
- (3) The Secretary must conduct any investigation that he or she thinks appropriate or that is directed by the Board for the purpose of preparing the report.

S. 60D  
inserted by  
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**60E. Contents of home detention assessment report**

- (1) A home detention assessment report must set out the following matters—
  - (a) the age of the prisoner;
  - (b) the social history and background of the prisoner;
  - (c) the medical and psychiatric history of the prisoner;

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- (d) the prisoner's educational background;
  - (e) the prisoner's employment history;
  - (f) the circumstances of any other offences of which the prisoner has been found guilty and which are known to the author of the report;
  - (g) the extent to which the prisoner is complying with any sentence currently in force in respect of him or her;
  - (h) the prisoner's financial circumstances;
  - (i) any special needs of the prisoner;
  - (j) any courses, programs, treatment, therapy or other assistance that could be available to the prisoner and from which he or she may benefit;
  - (k) an assessment as to whether the prisoner is an alcoholic or drug-dependent person;
  - (l) an assessment of the likelihood that the prisoner will commit an offence in respect of which an intervention order could be made under the **Crimes (Family Violence) Act 1987**;
  - (m) an assessment as to whether any circumstances of the prisoner's residence, employment, study or other prospective activities would not permit effective monitoring of a home detention order;
  - (n) an assessment as to whether persons with whom the prisoner intends to reside or to continue to reside understand the requirements of the order and are prepared to live in conformity with them;
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- (o) whether the making of the order would place at risk of harm any person who would reside with or in the vicinity of the prisoner;
  - (p) any other prescribed matter.
- (2) In preparing the assessment report, the Secretary may also take into account any other relevant matters.

**60F. Disclosure of information**

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- (1) The Secretary or any employee of the Department of Justice must not disclose to any person other than a member of the Board—
- (a) any home detention assessment report; or
  - (b) any information obtained for the purpose of preparing that report.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (2) Sub-section (1) does not apply to a disclosure made—
- (a) to the Secretary or to an employee of the Department of Justice; or
  - (b) with the leave of the Board.
- (3) For the purpose of determining an application for leave under sub-section (2), the Board may order that the relevant document be produced to it and may inspect it but must not make the document available, or disclose its contents, to the applicant for leave.
- (4) Without limiting the matters the Board may take into account for the purpose of determining whether or not to grant leave under sub-section (2), the Board must take into account the likelihood, and the nature or extent, of harm that could be caused to any person if the information is disclosed.

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- (5) The Board may grant leave under this section in respect of the whole or part of a document.

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**60G. Medical examination of prisoner**

The Board, in determining whether to make vary or revoke a home detention order, may—

- (a) direct the Secretary to arrange for the examination of the prisoner by a registered medical practitioner within the meaning of the **Medical Practice Act 1994**, a psychiatrist or a psychologist; and
- (b) require the registered medical practitioner, psychiatrist or psychologist to give a report in writing to the Board.

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**60H. Undertaking by prisoner**

- (1) Before a home detention order may be made in respect of a prisoner, the prisoner must give the following undertakings—
- (a) that the prisoner will comply with an offender's obligations under this Division; and
  - (b) that the prisoner will agree and submit to any monitoring or testing required or directed under the home detention order to ensure compliance with those obligations; and
  - (c) that the prisoner will pay the incidental costs (if any) incurred by the prisoner as a result of the home detention order that are determined by the Secretary to be payable by the prisoner.
- (2) An undertaking under this section must—
- (a) be in writing; and
  - (b) set out the obligations of an offender under a home detention order.

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**60I. Obligations of offender**

The obligations of an offender while serving a sentence of imprisonment by way of home detention are—

- (a) to comply with any requirements of this Division that relate to the offender; and
- (b) to comply with the requirements of any conditions to which the offender's home detention order is subject.

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**60J. Core conditions governing home detention**

The core conditions of a home detention order are—

- (a) that the offender must be of good behaviour and must not commit any offence during the period of the order;
- (b) that the offender must advise the Secretary as soon as possible if arrested or detained by a member of the police force;
- (c) that the offender must reside only at premises approved by the Secretary;
- (d) that the offender must remain at the approved residence at all times other than—
  - (i) when the absence is authorised by the Secretary; or
  - (ii) when it is unsafe to remain there due to immediate danger (such as fire or medical emergency); or
  - (iii) when a person residing at the approved residence has withdrawn his or her consent under section 60L;

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- (e) that during authorised absences from the approved residence the offender must adhere to a specified activity plan that—
    - (i) sets out the activities that the offender must carry out in accordance with the other core conditions; and
    - (ii) is approved or arranged by the Secretary;
  - (f) that the offender must advise the Secretary as soon as practicable after departure from the approved residence because—
    - (i) it was unsafe to remain there due to immediate danger; or
    - (ii) a person residing at the approved residence has withdrawn his or her consent under section 60L;
  - (g) that the offender must accept any visit to the approved residence by the Secretary at any time;
  - (h) that the offender must submit to searches of places or things under the immediate control of the offender, as required by the Secretary;
  - (i) that the offender must submit to electronic monitoring (including voice recording) of compliance with the home detention order and comply with all instructions given by the Secretary in relation to the operation of monitoring systems;
  - (j) that the offender must not tamper with, damage or disable monitoring equipment;
  - (k) that the offender must comply with any reasonable direction of the Secretary in relation to association with specified persons;
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- (l) that the offender must not consume alcohol;
  - (m) that the offender must not use prohibited drugs, obtain drugs unlawfully or abuse drugs of any kind;
  - (n) that the offender must submit, as required by the Secretary, to breath testing, urinalysis or other test procedures approved by the Secretary for detecting alcohol or drug use;
  - (o) that the offender must accept any reasonable direction of the Secretary in relation to the maintenance of or obtaining of employment;
  - (p) that the offender must inform any employer of the home detention order and, if directed by the Secretary, of the nature of the offence that occasioned it;
  - (q) that the offender must authorise and make reasonable attempts to facilitate contact between any employer of the offender and the Secretary;
  - (r) that the offender must engage in personal development activities or in counselling or treatment programs, as directed by the Secretary;
  - (s) that the offender must undertake unpaid community work (not exceeding 20 hours per week) as directed by the Secretary when not otherwise employed;
  - (t) that the offender must not possess or have in his or her control—
    - (i) any firearm; or
    - (ii) any prohibited weapon within the meaning of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990**; or
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- (iii) any controlled weapon or dangerous article within the meaning of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990** in contravention of that Act;
- (u) that the offender must comply with any order made under section 84 or 86(1) of the **Sentencing Act 1991** (whether before or after the making of the home detention order) in relation to the offence for which the home detention order is made;
- (v) that the offender must comply with all reasonable directions made by the Secretary.

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**60K. Special conditions**

- (1) The Board may at any time attach special conditions to a home detention order.
- (2) The special conditions attached by the Board do not take effect until written notice of the conditions is given to the offender.
- (3) The Board may at any time vary or revoke any special conditions it attaches to an order.
- (4) A variation or revocation of a special condition does not take effect until written notice of the variation or revocation is given to the offender.
- (5) The Board must give the Secretary a copy of any notice it gives to an offender under this section.

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**60L. Withdrawal of consent**

- (1) A person residing with an offender who has given a consent under section 60 may at any time by notice in writing withdraw that consent.
- (2) A notice of withdrawal of consent must be served on the Secretary.

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- (3) An offender must cease to reside in the residence to which the notice relates on being notified by the Secretary that a notice of withdrawal has been served under this section.

**60M. Revocation of order on application by offender or Secretary**

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- (1) If there is no longer any approved residence at which an offender can reside under a home detention order, the Secretary may apply to the Board for the revocation of the home detention order.
- (2) Subject to sub-section (3), the Secretary must notify the offender of an application under sub-section (1).
- (3) The Secretary is not required to give the notice under sub-section (2) if the Board is satisfied that the matter is urgent.
- (4) An offender who is serving a sentence of imprisonment by way of home detention may apply to the Board for the revocation of the home detention order.
- (5) The offender must notify the Secretary of an application under sub-section (4).
- (6) The Secretary may make written submissions to the Board in respect of an application under this section.
- (7) The offender concerned may make written submissions to the Board in respect of—
- (a) an application under sub-section (1) of which the offender is given notice under this section; or
  - (b) an application under sub-section (4).

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- (8) The Board may, in its discretion, give an offender an opportunity to appear before the Board to be heard in relation to an application.
- (9) On an application under this section, the Board after considering any submissions may revoke the home detention order.
- (10) If the Board revokes a home detention order under this section, the Board may issue a warrant authorising any member of the police force to arrest the offender and take the offender to prison.

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**60N. Alleged breach of a home detention order**

If an allegation is made to the Secretary that an offender has breached a condition of a home detention order, the Secretary must—

- (a) make appropriate inquiries in respect of the alleged breach; and
- (b) give the offender an opportunity of making an explanation.

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**60O. Sanctions for minor breaches**

- (1) Subject to section 60P, if, after completing the relevant inquiries, the Secretary is satisfied that the offender has breached a condition of the home detention order, the Secretary may impose either of the following sanctions for the breach—
  - (a) a formal warning; or
  - (b) a more stringent application of the conditions of home detention in accordance with the terms of those conditions, (for example, an increase in the required hours of unpaid community work within the maximum fixed by the Board).
- (2) The Secretary must notify the offender of any sanction imposed on the offender under this section.

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**60P. Serious breach of home detention order**

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- (1) If, after completing the relevant inquiries, the Secretary is satisfied that the offender has committed a serious breach of a condition of the home detention order, the Secretary must apply to the Board for the revocation or variation of the order.
- (2) Subject to sub-section (3), the Secretary must give the offender notice of an application under sub-section (1).
- (3) The Secretary is not required to give the notice under sub-section (2) if the breach is of a core condition of the home detention order set out in section 60J(d) or section 60J(e).
- (4) The Secretary may make written submissions to the Board in respect of an application under sub-section (1).
- (5) The offender concerned may make written submissions to the Board in respect of an application under sub-section (1) of which the offender is given notice under this section.
- (6) In this section "**serious breach**" in relation to a condition of a home detention order means—
  - (a) a breach that compromises the safety and security of the community, any persons residing with the offender or the offender's family; or
  - (b) a breach that involves the commission of an offence; or
  - (c) a breach that involves non-compliance with an order made under section 84 or 86(1) of the **Sentencing Act 1991**; or
  - (d) a breach that occurs after repeated failure to comply with the conditions of the order; or

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(e) a breach of a core condition of the home detention order set out in section 60J(d) or section 60J(e).

(7) Despite anything to the contrary in this section, if the Secretary, after completing the relevant inquiries, is satisfied that a breach of a core condition of a home detention order set out in section 60J(e) is of a minor nature, the Secretary—

(a) is not required to make an application under sub-section (1) in respect of that breach; and

(b) may impose a sanction under section 60O in respect of that breach.

S. 60Q  
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**60Q. Board may require offender to appear before it**

(1) If an application is made under section 60P for the revocation or variation of a home detention order, the Board may, by notice in writing served on the offender, require the offender to appear before it on a day and at a time and place specified in the notice to be heard in relation to the application.

(2) If the offender does not appear in accordance with the notice, the Board may proceed in the absence of the offender.

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**60R. Decision of Board**

(1) The Board must consider any evidence and submissions made or given under section 60P or 60Q—

(a) by the offender in relation to the alleged breach of conditions; and

(b) by or on behalf of the Secretary in relation to the alleged breach of conditions.

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- (2) If, after complying with sub-section (1), the Board is satisfied that there has been a breach of the conditions of a home detention order and that it is proper in the circumstances of the case to do so, the Board may—
- (a) revoke the home detention order; and
  - (b) issue a warrant authorising any member of the police force to arrest the offender and return the offender to prison.
- (3) If, after complying with sub-section (1), the Board is satisfied that an offender has breached the conditions of a home detention order, the Board, instead of revoking the order, may impose any of the following sanctions for the breach—
- (a) a formal warning;
  - (b) the addition of special conditions to the order;
  - (c) the variation of any special conditions in the order.
- (4) The Board must notify an offender in writing of the revocation of a home detention order or of any sanction imposed on the offender under this section.
- (5) The Board may be satisfied that an offender has breached a condition of a home detention order that involves non-compliance with an order made under section 84 or 86(1) of the **Sentencing Act 1991** whether or not a step has been taken to enforce the order made under section 84 or 86(1) of that Act in any way referred to in section 85 or 87 of that Act, as the case requires.
- (6) The revocation of a home detention order or the imposition of a sanction under this section in respect of a breach that involves non-compliance with an order made under section 84 or 86(1) of
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the **Sentencing Act 1991** has no effect on the enforcement of the order made under section 84 or 86(1) of that Act in any way referred to in section 85 or 87 of that Act, as the case requires.

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**60S. Effect of revocation of home detention order**

- (1) Subject to sub-section (2), if the Board revokes a home detention order under section 60R, the offender must be returned to prison to serve a period of imprisonment that is equal to the period from the effective date of revocation of the home detention order to the date of expiry of the term of imprisonment imposed by the court.
- (2) The effective date of revocation of a home detention order is the date of the making of the order revoking the home detention order unless the Board directs otherwise under sub-section (3).
- (3) If the Board considers it appropriate to do so, the Board may in writing direct that the effective date of revocation of the home detention order is to be the date that the breach of the conditions occurred or any later date before the date of the making of the order revoking the home detention order that the Board determines.
- (4) If the Board revokes a home detention order under section 60M, the offender must be taken to prison to serve a period of imprisonment that is equal to the period from the date of revocation of the home detention order to the date of expiry of the term of imprisonment imposed by the court.
- (5) If an offender is returned to prison after a home detention order relating to the offender is revoked, the Governor of the prison must notify the Secretary within 7 days after the offender is returned to the prison.

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**60T. Re-hearing of revocation made in absence of offender**

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- (1) This section applies if—
    - (a) the Board revokes a home detention order under section 60M and notice was not given to the offender of the application under that section; or
    - (b) the Board revokes a home detention order under section 60R and notice was not given to the offender of the application under section 60P; or
    - (c) the Board revokes a home detention order under section 60R and—
      - (i) the Board had required the offender to appear before it under section 60Q; and
      - (ii) the offender failed to appear.
  - (2) The Board must, by notice in writing, advise the offender that he or she may apply to the Board within the period of 14 days after the date of service of the notice for a re-hearing in respect of the revocation of the home detention order.
  - (3) If an application is made by the offender within the required time, the Board, after considering any evidence and submissions given by the offender and any other information and reports before it, may rescind the revocation of the home detention order.
  - (4) If the revocation of the home detention order is rescinded, the home detention order must be taken for the purposes of this Division not to have been revoked.
  - (5) The Board may determine not to make a document or part of a document considered by the Board under sub-section (3) available to the offender if a member of the Board who is a Judge
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or retired Judge or Magistrate or retired Magistrate considers that to make the document or part available could endanger any person or inappropriately reveal the identity of any person.

- (6) Nothing in this section limits the operation of section 60U.

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**60U. Reconsideration of revocation if approved residence available**

- (1) If the Board revokes a home detention order under section 60M, the offender may apply to the Board to rescind the revocation of the home detention order on the ground that an approved residence at which the offender can reside has become available.
- (2) On an application under sub-section (1), the Board may rescind the revocation of a home detention order if it is satisfied—
- (a) that a residence at which the offender can reside is available; and
  - (b) that the premises have been approved by the Secretary; and
  - (c) on the advice of the Secretary, that the rescission is not prohibited under sub-section (3); and
  - (d) that it is appropriate in all the circumstances to do so.
- (3) Section 60 applies to a rescission order under this section as if a reference to the making of a home detention order (except in sub-sections (1)(b) and (c) and (2)(a)) were a reference to the making of the rescission order.
- (4) If the revocation of the home detention order is rescinded, the home detention order must be taken for the purposes of this Subdivision not to have been revoked.

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**60V. Revocation of order by court**

- (1) Subject to sub-section (2), if a court imposes a sentence for another offence on an offender to whom a home detention order relates, the court may revoke the home detention order.
- (2) If a court imposes a sentence of imprisonment to be served in custody in a prison for another offence on an offender to whom a home detention order relates, the court must revoke the home detention order.
- (3) If a court revokes a home detention order under sub-section (2), the court must commit the offender to prison for the portion of the term of imprisonment to which he or she was sentenced that was unexpired at the date of the revocation of the order.

S. 60V  
inserted by  
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**60W. Expiry of home detention order**

Unless a home detention order is revoked under this Division, the order expires at the end of the minimum term of imprisonment to which the offender was sentenced.

S. 60W  
inserted by  
No. 53/2003  
s. 14.

**60X. Service of notices on offender**

- (1) Any notice required to be served under this Division on an offender in respect of a home detention order may be served on him or her personally or by posting it to the offender's approved residence.
- (2) Any notice required under this Division to be served on an offender in custody in a prison must be served on the Secretary.
- (3) The Secretary must notify the offender of any notice served on him or her under sub-section (2).

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**Division 5—Parole**

**61. Establishment of Board**

(1) There is established a Board by the name of the Adult Parole Board.

(2) The Board consists of—

S. 61(2)  
amended by  
No. 11/1993  
s. 7(1)(e).

S. 61(2)(a)  
substituted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 16(1)(a).

(a) one or more Judges of the Supreme Court appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, one of whom is to be appointed chairperson; and

S. 61(2)(b)  
substituted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 16(1)(b).

(b) one or more Judges of the County Court appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Chief Judge of the County Court; and

S. 61(2)(c)  
substituted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 16(1)(b).

(c) one or more Magistrates appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Chief Magistrate; and

(d) a person, appointed by the Governor in Council as a full-time member; and

S. 61(2)(da)  
inserted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 16(1)(c).

(da) one or more retired Judges of the Supreme Court or the County Court or retired Magistrates, appointed by the Governor in Council as part-time members; and

(e) such number of persons, as are appointed by the Governor in Council as part-time members; and

S. 61(2)(f)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 42).

(f) the Secretary.

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- (3) The Board established by this section is deemed to be the same Board as the Adult Parole Board established under Division 4 of Part VIII of the **Community Services Act 1970** and the Parole Board established under Part IV of the **Crimes Act 1958**. S. 61(3)  
amended by  
No. 16/1987  
s. 4(3)(Sch. 1  
item 7(f)).
- (4) A reference in an Act other than this Act or in a subordinate instrument or document to the Parole Board or Adult Parole Board is, on the commencement of this section, deemed to be a reference to the Board established by this section.
- (5) All proceedings pending before the Adult Parole Board established under Division 4 of Part VIII of the **Community Services Act 1970** immediately before the commencement of this section may be continued and completed by the Board established by this section, as if those proceedings were commenced under this Act and are not affected by the enactment of this section. S. 61(5)  
amended by  
No. 16/1987  
s. 4(3)(Sch. 1  
item 7(f)).
- (6) The Judge of the Supreme Court who, immediately before the commencement of this section, was a member of the Adult Parole Board established under Division 4 of Part VIII of the **Community Services Act 1970** is deemed to have been appointed as the chairperson of the Board established by this section. S. 61(6)  
amended by  
No. 16/1987  
s. 4(3)(Sch. 1  
item 7(f)).
- (7) The Adult Parole Board is the same body after the commencement of section 16 of the **Corrections (Prison Management and Prisoners) Act 1991** as it was before that commencement despite the changes in its membership made by that section. S. 61(7)  
inserted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 16(1)(d).

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**62. Deputy members**

S. 62(1)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 16(2).

- (1) In this section "**member**" includes the chairperson of the Board.

S. 62(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 43(a)).

- (2) If a member (other than the Secretary) is unable to perform the duties of a member or is absent or the office of a member is vacant the Governor in Council may, on any recommendation which is necessary for the appointment of a member of that kind, appoint a qualified person to act in the member's place while the member is unable to perform the duties of office, is absent or the office of member is vacant.

S. 62(3)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 43(a)(b)).

- (3) If the Secretary is unable to perform the duties of a member or is absent, the Governor in Council may on the recommendation of the Secretary appoint a person to act as a member in the Secretary's place while the Secretary is unable to perform the duties of the member or is absent.

S. 62(4)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 43(a)).

- (4) If the office of Secretary is vacant the Governor in Council may on the recommendation of the Minister appoint a person to act as a member while the office of the Secretary is vacant.
- (5) While acting in a member's place a deputy member appointed under sub-sections (2), (3) or (4) has the functions powers and duties of that member.
- (6) A deputy member is entitled to receive—
- (a) such remuneration as is fixed by the Governor in Council; and
  - (b) such travelling and other allowances as are fixed by the Governor in Council.

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- (7) A deputy member acting in the place of a chairperson has the functions powers and duties of a member and if the deputy chairperson is absent, has the functions of the chairperson.

**63. Terms of office**

- (1) A member of the Board holds office for the term, and subject to the conditions stated in the member's instrument of appointment but is eligible for re-appointment.
- (2) The Secretary ceases to hold office as a member of the Board upon ceasing to hold the office of Secretary.
- (3) A member of the Board may resign the office of member by writing signed by the member and given to the person who nominated or appointed the member.
- (4) The office of a member becomes vacant if—
- (a) the member dies; or
  - (b) the member resigns; or
  - (c) the member's term of office expires.
- (5) A vacancy in the office of a member may be filled by appointment in accordance with this Division.
- (6) If a member who is a Judge of the Supreme Court or the County Court ceases to be a Judge, the member ceases to hold office as a member.
- (6A) If a member who is a Magistrate ceases to be a Magistrate, the member ceases to hold office as a member.

S. 63(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 44).

S. 63(6A)  
inserted by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 16(3).



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S. 63(7)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
substituted by  
No. 108/2004  
s. 117(1)  
(Sch. 3  
item 45.5).

(7) The **Public Administration Act 2004** (other than Part 5 of that Act) does not apply to a member in respect of the office of member.

(8) The appointment as a member of the Board of a Judge of the Supreme Court or the County Court does not affect the tenure of office, rank, status or the remuneration rights or privileges of the Judge as the holder of office as a Judge, and for all purposes, service as a member of the Board by a Judge is to be regarded as service as a Judge.

S. 63(9)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 16(4).

(9) A member of the Board (other than a Judge of the Supreme Court or County Court or a Magistrate) is entitled to receive—

(a) such remuneration as is fixed by the Governor in Council; and

(b) such travelling and other allowances and expenses as are fixed by the Governor in Council.

S. 63(10)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 16(4).

(10) A member of the Board who is a Judge of the Supreme Court or County Court or a Magistrate is entitled to receive such travelling and other allowances and expenses as are fixed by the Governor in Council.

(11) The remuneration, travelling and other allowances and expenses fixed for members of the Board may be different for different classes of members.

S. 63(12)  
amended by  
No. 50/1988  
s. 93(2)(Sch. 2  
Pt 2 item 7).

(12) If a person was immediately before becoming a member of the Board an officer within the meaning of the **State Superannuation Act 1988**, the member continues subject to that Act, to be an officer within the meaning of that Act.

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**64. Divisions**

- (1) The Board may exercise its powers and functions in divisions of the Board.
- (2) A division of the Board consists of three members of whom at least one must be a Judge, retired Judge, Magistrate or retired Magistrate and that Judge, retired Judge, Magistrate or retired Magistrate is to be chairperson of that division.
- (3) The chairperson of the Board may give directions as to the arrangement of the business of the Board and as to the persons who are to constitute divisions of the Board for the purposes of particular matters.
- (4) The following questions which may arise before a division of the Board are to be decided by the chairperson of the division alone—
  - (a) whether a question is a question of fact or of law;
  - (b) any question determined to be a question of law.

S. 64(2)  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 16(5).

**65. Chairperson**

The chairperson or, in the chairperson's absence a member appointed under section 61(2)(a), (b) or (c) chosen in accordance with the procedure determined by the chairperson is to preside at meetings of the Board, except where the Board meets as a division of the Board.

S. 65  
amended by  
No. 16/1991  
s. 16(6).

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**66. Meetings**

- (1) The Board must meet at such times and places as are fixed by the regulations and at such other times and places as are fixed by the chairperson or acting chairperson.
- (2) The following questions which may arise at a meeting of the Board are to be decided by the person presiding at the meeting alone—
  - (a) whether a question is a question of fact or of law;
  - (b) any question determined to be a question of law.
- (3) The decision of a majority of the members present at a meeting of the Board on a question arising at the meeting (other than a question which under sub-section (2) is to be decided by the person presiding at the meeting alone) is the decision of the Board on that matter.
- (4) If there is an equality of votes on a question arising at a meeting of the Board, the person presiding at the meeting has a second or casting vote.
- (5) A question is not to be decided at a meeting of the Board unless the chairperson or acting chairperson and at least 3 other members of the Board are present.
- (6) Subject to the regulations, the Board may regulate its procedure.
- (7) An act or decision of the Board is not invalid simply because of—
  - (a) a vacancy in the office of a member; or
  - (b) a defect or irregularity in the appointment of a member.

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**67. Secretary of the Board or member may act on behalf of Board**

- (1) If the Board has heard and determined a matter the Secretary of the Board or a member of the Board may on behalf of the Board sign and issue all necessary orders and documents relating to that matter.
- (2) An order or document signed under subsection (1) has effect as if signed by all the members of the Board.

S. 67(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 45).

**68. Evidentiary**

- (1) All Courts must take judicial notice of the signature on a document of the Secretary of the Board or a member of the Board if the document is required or authorized to be signed by the Secretary or member under this Division, and must presume that the document was duly signed.
- (2) A certificate signed by the Secretary of the Board which purports to set out the Board's decision or determination on a matter is evidence of the making of that decision or determination by the Board.

S. 68(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 46(a)).

S. 68(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 46(b)).

**69. Functions of Board**

- (1) The Board has the functions conferred on it by—
  - (a) this Act and the regulations; and
  - (b) Division 10 of Part 4 of the **Children and Young Persons Act 1989** and the regulations made under that Division; and
  - (c) Subdivision (1A) of Division 2 of Part 3 of the **Sentencing Act 1991** and the regulations made under that Subdivision; and
  - (d) Subdivision (1D) of Division 2 of Part 3 of the **Sentencing Act 1991** and the regulations made under that Subdivision.

S. 69(1)  
amended by  
Nos 16/1987  
s. 4(3)(Sch. 1  
item 7(g)),  
41/1993 s. 18,  
44/1996 s. 11,  
substituted by  
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- (2) In exercising its functions, the Board is not bound by the rules of natural justice.
- (3) A civil or criminal action cannot be brought against the Board or a member of the Board for anything done in good faith and with reasonable care in the performance of the Board's or member's functions or powers under this Act.

S. 70  
amended by  
No. 44/1991  
s. 6(1),  
substituted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 36.

**70. Secretary to supply assistance to Board**

The Secretary must provide such employees of the Department of Justice and such other assistance to the Board as is necessary to assist the Board—

- (a) in supervising persons released on parole;  
and
- (aa) in supervising persons serving a sentence of imprisonment by way of home detention;  
and
- (b) to perform any other of the Board's functions.

S. 70(aa)  
inserted by  
No. 53/2003  
s. 16.

**71. Powers to take evidence etc.**

Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 20A, 21, 21A and the Rules and Orders made under section 20(4) of the **Evidence Act 1958** apply to the Board and its proceedings as if the Board were a body of persons to whom the Governor in Council has issued a commission and the person presiding at meetings of the Board were the President or Chairman of that Commission.

**72. Reports**

- (1) Before 30 September in each year the Board must give to the Minister a report relating to the 12 months ending on 30 June in that year and concerning—
  - (a) the number of persons released on parole during that period; and

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- (b) the number of persons returned to prison during that period on cancellation of parole; and
- (ba) details of the number of persons placed on home detention orders during the period of the report; and S. 72(1)(ba) inserted by No. 53/2003 s. 17(1).
- (bb) details of the number of persons in respect of whom a home detention order has been revoked and who were returned to prison during that period; and S. 72(1)(bb) inserted by No. 53/2003 s. 17(1).
- (bc) details of the impact of home detention orders on persons residing with offenders; and S. 72(1)(bc) inserted by No. 53/2003 s. 17(1).
- (c) the operation of this Division and Division 4, the activities of the Board and the activities of officers assisting the Board during that period. S. 72(1)(c) amended by No. 53/2003 s. 17(2).
- (2) The Minister must cause the Board's annual report to be laid before the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly before the end of the fourteenth sitting day of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly after the annual report has been received by the Minister.
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- S. 72(3) repealed by No. 65/1997 s. 81(c).
- (4) When required by the Minister the Board must give to the Minister a report and recommendation concerning a person who at the time of the report is serving a prison sentence.
- (5) When the Minister requires the Board must give to the Minister a report on a matter stated in the requirement and relating to the operation of this Division or Division 4 or the activities of the Board. S. 72(5) amended by No. 53/2003 s. 17(3).
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S. 72(6)  
repealed by  
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s. 81(c).

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S. 72(7)  
amended by  
No. 45/2001  
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- (7) At the request of the Attorney-General for the Commonwealth the Minister may authorize the Board or the Secretary—
- (a) to make reports and recommendations concerning a person detained in a prison in Victoria under or pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth, to the Attorney-General for the Commonwealth at the intervals and times required by the Attorney-General for the Commonwealth; and
  - (b) to exercise a power or perform a function in relation to a person who is or has been detained in a prison in Victoria under or pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth which is a power or function which the Attorney-General for the Commonwealth might exercise or perform in relation to that person.

S. 73  
amended by  
Nos 44/1991  
s. 6(m),  
53/2003 s. 18.

**73. Community corrections officers subject to Board's direction**

In relation to a parole order or home detention order community corrections officers are subject to the directions of the Board.

**74. Release on parole after service of non-parole period**

S. 74(1)  
amended by  
No. 49/1991  
s. 119(7)  
(Sch. 4  
item 3.5).

- (1) The Board may by instrument order that a prisoner serving a prison sentence in respect of which a non-parole period was fixed be released on parole at the time stated in the order (not being before the end of the non-parole period) and, unless the Board revokes the order before the time for release stated in the order, the prisoner must be released at that time.

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- (2) The Board may revoke a parole order before the prisoner is released under the order.
- (3) If before a prisoner is released under a parole order the Board determines that the prisoner should be released at a different time than the time stated in the order, the prisoner must be released at that other time (not being before the end of the non-parole period). S. 74(3)  
amended by  
No. 49/1991  
s. 119(7)  
(Sch. 4  
item 3.5).
- (4) Subject to sub-section (5) the terms and conditions of a parole order are those set out in the regulations.
- (5) The Board may vary the terms and conditions to which a parole order is subject and may include in a parole order any one or more of the conditions to which a pre-release permit is made subject by the regulations or to which, before the repeal of Division 6, such a permit was so made subject. S. 74(5)  
amended by  
No. 49/1991  
s. 119(4).
- (6) If the terms and conditions of a parole order require a prisoner to be under supervision, the Secretary must assign an officer to supervise the prisoner and may from time to time assign other officers to supervise the prisoner in place of the officer first assigned. S. 74(6)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 47).
- (7) A prisoner released on parole must during the parole period comply with the terms and conditions of the parole order.
- (8) As soon as possible after making a determination revoking or cancelling a parole order the Board must give a copy of the determination to the prisoner including the reasons for the determination.
- (9) In this and the succeeding sections of this Division "**prisoner**" includes a person serving a sentence of imprisonment.
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inserted by  
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**74A. Victim submissions**

- (1) A person included on the victims register may make a submission to the Board for consideration by the Board in determining to make a parole order under section 74.
- (2) A victim submission—
  - (a) must be in writing; and
  - (b) must address matters relating to the person's views about the effect of the potential release of the prisoner on parole on that person; and
  - (c) may include comments from the person as to any terms and conditions to which the parole order may be subject; and
  - (d) must include any other prescribed matters.
- (3) On receiving notification under section 30A(2) of the release or likely release of a prisoner on parole, a person included on the victims register who wishes to make a victim submission must make that submission within the time specified in the notification.

S. 74B  
inserted by  
No. 14/2004  
s. 9.

**74B. How does the Board deal with victim submissions?**

- (1) Before making a parole order under section 74, the Board—
  - (a) must consider any victim submission it receives in relation to the matter being determined; and
  - (b) may, in its absolute discretion, give that submission such weight as the Board sees fit in determining to make a parole order.
- (2) The Board must not release a victim submission to the prisoner in relation to whom the parole order is being determined unless—

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- (a) the release of the submission is, in the opinion of the Board, essential in the interests of fairness and justice; and
- (b) before releasing the victim submission, the Board has asked the person who made the victim submission whether he or she—
  - (i) consents to the submission being released to the prisoner; or
  - (ii) wishes to amend the submission so that it can be released to the prisoner; or
  - (iii) wishes to withdraw the submission.
- (3) If a person who made a victim submission does not consent to the submission being released to the prisoner, amend the submission so that it can be released to the prisoner or withdraw the submission when asked to do so by the Board under sub-section (2)(b), the Board—
  - (a) must not release the victim submission to the prisoner; and
  - (b) in considering the victim submission when determining to make a parole order, may reduce the weight it would otherwise have given to the submission if the person who made it had complied with sub-section (2)(b).

**75. Young offenders—sentence and non-parole period**

If, under the **Children and Young Persons Act 1989**, a person is removed from a remand centre or youth training centre to a prison, the person or the Secretary may apply to the court that ordered the detention or, if the person was detained under orders of two or more courts, to the Supreme Court, for an order—

S. 75  
amended by  
Nos 16/1987  
s. 4(3)(Sch. 1  
item 7(h)),  
56/1989  
s. 286(Sch. 2  
item 6) (as  
amended by  
No. 93/1990  
s. 24(h)(iv)),  
45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 48).

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S. 75(b)  
amended by  
No. 49/1991  
s. 119(7)  
(Sch. 4  
item 3.6).

- (a) determining a sentence of imprisonment not exceeding the residue of the period of detention; and
- (b) if appropriate, fixing a non-parole period as if the sentence had been imposed when the detention was ordered.

**76. Persons on parole deemed still under sentence**

If in relation to a prisoner the parole period elapses without the making by the Board of an order cancelling the parole or the commission by the prisoner, whether in Victoria or elsewhere, of an offence for which the prisoner is sentenced to imprisonment for more than three months (whether during or after the parole period), the prisoner is to be regarded as having served a prison sentence and is to be wholly discharged from the sentence, but until the parole period so elapses or until the prisoner is otherwise discharged from the prison sentence the person released on parole is to be regarded as being still under sentence.

**77. Cancellation of parole**

- (1) If a prisoner is released on parole the Board may at any time before the end of the parole period by order cancel the parole.
- (2) If the Board has cancelled a prisoner's parole it may at any time by a further order revoke the cancellation.
- (3) A parole order revives on the revocation of an order cancelling the parole.

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- (4) The Board must not make an order revoking an order cancelling a prisoner's parole if a warrant has been issued under this section unless the Board is satisfied that the warrant will not be executed.
- (5) If the prisoner is sentenced to another prison sentence for more than 3 months in respect of an offence committed during the parole period, whether in Victoria or elsewhere, the Board may by order cancel the prisoner's parole, although the parole period may already have elapsed.
- (6) If a prisoner's parole is cancelled or deemed to have been cancelled, the Board may—
- (a) authorize any member of the police force, by warrant signed by the Secretary or a member of the Board, to arrest the prisoner and return the prisoner to prison; or
  - (b) whether or not a warrant is issued under paragraph (a), authorize the making of an application to a magistrate for a warrant authorizing any member of the police force or other officer to arrest the prisoner and return the prisoner to prison.
- (7) If a prisoner's parole is cancelled or deemed to be cancelled—
- (a) the original warrant to imprison or other authority for the person's imprisonment is to be regarded as again in force; and
  - (b) unless the Board otherwise directs, the period during which the parole order was in force is not to be regarded as time served in respect of the prison sentence.

S. 77(6)(a)  
amended by  
No. 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 35.2).

S. 77(6)(b)  
amended by  
No. 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 35.2).

S. 77(7)(a)  
amended by  
No. 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
item 35.3).

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S. 77(8)  
amended by  
No. 23/1994  
s. 118(Sch. 1  
item 14.5  
(a)(b)).

- (8) The Board in determining whether to make vary or cancel a parole order, may arrange for the examination of the prisoner by a registered medical practitioner within the meaning of the **Medical Practice Act 1994**, psychiatrist or psychologist and may require the registered medical practitioner, psychiatrist, psychologist or any other person whom the Board believes may be able to do so, to give a report in writing to the Board.

S. 78  
amended by  
No. 49/1991  
s. 119(7)  
(Sch. 4  
item 3.7).

**78. Prisoners may be released on parole more than once**

The Board may again release a prisoner on parole although the prisoner's parole has been cancelled on a previous occasion or on previous occasions in respect of the same prison sentence but if the prisoner has been sentenced to another prison sentence the Board must not release the prisoner on parole until the prisoner has served the non-parole period or, if no non-parole period is fixed, the prison sentence.

S. 79  
amended by  
Nos 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch. item  
35.4), 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 49(a)(b)),  
repealed by  
No. 65/1997  
s. 81(c).

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No. 57/1989  
s. 3(Sch.  
items 35.5,  
35.6),  
repealed by  
No. 44/1991  
s. 5(1).

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**PART 8A—INTERSTATE LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PRISONERS**

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ss 80–84E)  
inserted by  
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s. 22.

**80. Definitions**

New s. 80  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 22.

In this Part—

**"corresponding Director"** in relation to a participating State, means the officer responsible for the administration of prisons in that State;

**"interstate law"** means a law that under an Order in force under section 81 is declared to be an interstate law for the purposes of this Part;

**"participating State"** means any State in which an interstate law is in force;

**"permit"** means a custodial community permit issued under this Part;

**"State"** includes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

**81. Interstate laws**

New s. 81  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 22,  
substituted by  
No. 38/2003  
s. 5.

The Governor in Council may, by Order published in the Government Gazette, declare that a law of a State other than Victoria is an interstate law for the purposes of this Part.

**82. Custodial community permit**

New s. 82  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 22,  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 50).

The Secretary may issue a custodial community permit to a prisoner for leave to travel to a participating State—

- (a) to visit a person with whom the prisoner has had a long standing personal relationship if that person is seriously ill or in acute personal need; or

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amended by  
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- (b) to attend the funeral of a person with whom the prisoner had a long standing personal relationship; or
- (c) for any other compassionate purpose (including, in the case of an Aboriginal prisoner, to enable the prisoner to be present at an occasion of special significance to the prisoner's immediate or extended family).

New s. 83  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 22.

**83. Effect of permit**

- (1) A permit issued to a prisoner—

S. 83(1)(a)  
amended by  
Nos 45/2001  
s. 18(a),  
38/2003  
s. 7(a).

- (a) authorises the prisoner to be absent from the prison for the purpose and for the period stated in the permit; and

S. 83(1)(b)  
amended by  
Nos 45/2001  
s. 18(a),  
38/2003  
s. 7(b).

- (b) if the Secretary requires the prisoner to be escorted while absent from the prison, authorises the escort officer appointed to escort the prisoner to take and keep physical custody of the prisoner for the purpose of escorting the prisoner to the participating State (whether or not across another State) and within the participating State for the purpose set out in the permit and returning the prisoner to the prison from which leave of absence was given; and
- (c) is subject to the conditions set out in the regulations and any other conditions stated in the permit.

S. 83(2)  
amended by  
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s. 7(c).

- (2) The period stated in a permit must not exceed 7 days.

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- (3) Subject to section 6B, a prisoner who is authorised to be absent from prison under a permit continues in the legal custody of the Secretary while absent.

S. 83(3) amended by Nos 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 51), 45/2001 s. 18(b)(i)(ii).

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S. 83(4) amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 51), repealed by No. 38/2003 s. 7(d).

**84. Variation or revocation of permit**

New s. 84 inserted by No. 94/1994 s. 22.

- (1) The Secretary may before the prisoner is allowed to be absent from the prison under a permit or at any time during the period of the permit—
- (a) vary or revoke any condition of the permit or impose any additional condition; or
  - (b) subject to section 83(2), vary the period of the permit; or
  - (c) revoke the permit.
- (2) The revocation of a permit or the varying or revocation of a condition or the varying of the period of the permit or the imposing of an additional condition under this section takes effect immediately.

S. 84(1) amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 52).

**84A. Breach of permit**

A prisoner who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with any conditions of a permit is guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than 3 years.

S. 84A inserted by No. 94/1994 s. 22.



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inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 22.

**84B. Notice to participating State and transit States**

S. 84B(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 53).

(1) The Secretary must give notice in writing to the corresponding Director and the chief officer of police of a participating State of the issue of a permit permitting a prisoner to travel to that State and of the period of the permit.

S. 84B(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 53).

(2) The Secretary must give notice in writing to the chief officer of police of any other State through which a prisoner is to travel by land to reach the participating State of the issue of a permit permitting the prisoner to travel to the participating State and of the period of the permit.

S. 84C  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 22.

**84C. Effect of permit issued under interstate law**

(1) If—

S. 84C(1)(a)  
amended by  
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s. 8.

- (a) under an interstate law a permit is issued permitting a person imprisoned in a participating State to travel to Victoria; and
- (b) pursuant to that permit an escort brings the person to Victoria—

the escort, while in Victoria, is authorised to hold, take and keep custody of the person for the purpose of escorting the prisoner for the purposes set out in the permit and returning the prisoner to the participating State.

(2) If—

- (a) under an interstate law a permit is issued permitting a person imprisoned in a participating State (the first State) to travel to another participating State (the second State); and

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(b) in the course of escorting the person to the second State or returning the person to the first State pursuant to the permit, an escort brings the person into Victoria—

the escort, while in Victoria, is authorised to hold, take and keep custody of the person for the purpose of escorting the person to the second State and returning him or her to the first State.

**84D. Apprehension of prisoner who escapes or fails to return etc.**

S. 84D  
(Heading)  
inserted by  
No. 38/2003  
s. 9(1).

(1) A person in the custody of an escort pursuant to section 84C who escapes from that custody may be apprehended without warrant by the escort, any member of the police force or any other person.

S. 84D  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 22.

(1A) A person who enters Victoria under a permit issued by a participating State permitting the person to travel without an escort to, or through, Victoria may be apprehended without warrant in Victoria by any member of the police force or anyone else if the person fails—

S. 84D(1A)  
inserted by  
No. 38/2003  
s. 9(2).

(a) to return to the participating State as required by the terms of the permit; or

(b) to comply with any other term of the permit.

(2) If—

(a) a person is apprehended under sub-section (1) or (1A); or

(b) a person in custody under section 84C has attempted to escape—

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substituted by  
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the person may be taken before the Magistrates' Court.

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**S. 84D(2A)**  
inserted by  
No. 38/2003  
s. 9(3).

(2A) The Magistrates' Court may, despite the terms of any permit issued under an interstate law, by warrant—

- (a) order the person to be returned to the participating State in which the permit was issued; and
- (b) for that purpose, order the person to be delivered to an escort.

**S. 84D(3)**  
amended by  
No. 38/2003  
s. 9(4).

(3) Sub-sections (1), (1A), (2) and (2A) do not apply to a person to whom section 47 of the Crimes Act 1914 of the Commonwealth applies.

**S. 84D(4)**  
amended by  
No. 38/2003  
s. 9(5).

(4) A warrant under sub-section (2A) may be executed according to its tenor.

**S. 84D(5)**  
amended by  
Nos 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 54),  
38/2003  
s. 9(5).

(5) A person who is the subject of a warrant issued under sub-section (2A) may be detained in the custody of the Secretary as a prisoner until he or she is delivered into the custody of an escort in accordance with the warrant or until the expiration of a period of 7 days from the issuing of the warrant, whichever first occurs.

**S. 84D(6)**  
amended by  
No. 38/2003  
s. 9(5).

(6) If a person who is the subject of a warrant issued under sub-section (2A) is not, in accordance with the warrant, delivered into the custody of an escort within a period of 7 days from the issuing of the warrant, the warrant has no further effect.

**S. 84D(7)**  
amended by  
No. 38/2003  
s. 9(5).

(7) A reference in sub-section (2A), (5) or (6) to an escort in relation to a person who was, at the time of his or her escape or attempted escape, being escorted under a permit issued in a participating State is a reference to—

- (a) the escort who had the custody of that person pursuant to that permit; or
- (b) a prison officer or a member of the police force of the participating State; or

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(c) a person appointed by the corresponding Director of the participating State by instrument in writing to be an escort for the purpose of escorting that person to the participating State—

or any 2 or more of them.

**84E. Escape from custody—penalty**

S. 84E  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 22.

- (1) Any person who being in custody under a permit, escapes or attempts to escape from that custody while he or she is not within Victoria or the participating State to or from which he or she was being escorted under that permit is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years, to be served after the expiration of any term of imprisonment, penal servitude or detention to which he or she was subject at the time of his or her escape or attempt to escape.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of section 479C of the **Crimes Act 1958**, that section applies to a person—
- (a) who is in custody under a permit; and
  - (b) who escapes from that custody while he or she is not within Victoria or the participating State to or from which he or she was being escorted under that permit—

in the same way as it applies to a person who escapes from lawful custody while undergoing a sentence involving deprivation of liberty in Victoria.

- (3) Sub-sections (1) and (2) do not apply to a person to whom section 47 of the Crimes Act 1914 of the Commonwealth applies.

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**84EA. Liability for prisoners on leave**

- (1) The State of Victoria is liable for any loss or damage sustained by any person in a participating State that is caused by an act or omission of a prisoner or an escort officer while in the participating State under, or for the purposes of, a permit.
- (2) Nothing in this section affects any right of action the State of Victoria may have against the prisoner or escort officer for the damage or loss.

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**PART 8B—PRISON INDUSTRIES**

**Division 1—Prison industry sites and prison industries**

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(Heading and  
ss 84F–84P)  
inserted by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 3.

**84F. Appointment of prison industry sites**

- (1) The Minister may by Order appoint any place outside a prison under Part 3 as a prison industry site for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) The Minister may by Order revoke the appointment of a place as a prison industry site.
- (3) An Order under this section comes into operation on its making or on a later date stated in the Order.
- (4) The Minister must within 7 days after the making of an Order under this section publish a copy of the Order in the Government Gazette.

S. 84F  
inserted by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 3.

**84G. Secretary may carry on business for prison industries**

- (1) The Secretary may, for or in connection with the management of prison industries and prison industry sites—
  - (a) carry on a business, or businesses, of manufacturing or producing goods, providing services or farming;
  - (b) train prisoners or offenders in the trades and professions associated with any of those businesses;
  - (c) sell goods and services manufactured, produced or provided in the course of any of those businesses;
  - (d) sell produce and stock grown or reared on farms.

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- (2) The Secretary may, for and on behalf of the Crown, enter into an agreement with any person for any purpose in connection with the Secretary's functions under sub-section (1).

S. 84H  
inserted by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 3.

**84H. Secretary may direct prisoners and offenders to work**

- (1) The Secretary may direct any prisoner or offender other than a prisoner on remand to work in any prison industry or work program approved by the Secretary.
- (2) A prisoner or offender must comply with a direction of the Secretary under this section.

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S. 84I  
inserted by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 3.

**84I. Prison Industry Advisory Committee**

- (1) There is established a Prison Industry Advisory Committee.
- (2) The Committee consists of not more than 10 members appointed by the Minister.
- (3) The Minister must appoint one of the members of the Committee as the Chairperson of the Committee.

S. 84J  
inserted by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 3.

**84J. Functions**

The functions of the Committee are, at the direction of the Minister, to advise and make recommendations to the Minister on—

- (a) the provision of prison industries; and
- (b) any other matters relating to prison industries.

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**84K. Terms and conditions of appointment**

- (1) A member of the Committee is appointed for the term, not exceeding 3 years, specified in the instrument of appointment.
- (2) A member of the Committee is eligible for re-appointment.
- (3) The **Public Administration Act 2004** (other than Part 5 of that Act) does not apply to a member of the Committee in respect of the office of member.

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inserted by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 3.

S. 84K(3)  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1),  
substituted by  
No. 108/2004  
s. 117(1)  
(Sch. 3  
item 45.6).

**84L. Remuneration**

A member of the Committee, other than an employee of the public service, is entitled to be paid the remuneration and allowances from time to time determined by the Minister in respect of that member.

S. 84L  
inserted by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 3,  
amended by  
No. 46/1998  
s. 7(Sch. 1).

**84M. Resignation and termination**

- (1) A member may resign from office by letter in writing signed by the member and delivered to the Minister.
- (2) The Minister may at any time remove a member of the Committee from office.

S. 84M  
inserted by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 3.

**84N. Meetings of Committee**

- (1) The Committee must meet at the times and places determined by the Chairperson.
- (2) The Chairperson must preside at meetings of the Committee at which he or she is present and, if he or she is not present at a meeting, the members present may elect one of their number to preside at the meeting.

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- (3) Subject to this section and the regulations, the procedure of the Committee is in its discretion.

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inserted by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 3.

**84O. Disclosure of interest**

- (1) A member of the Committee who has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered by the Committee—
- (a) must as soon as practicable after the relevant facts have come to his or her knowledge, disclose the nature of his or her interest at a meeting of the Committee; and
  - (b) must not, after the disclosure, be present during any deliberation of the Committee with respect to the matter.
- (2) The disclosure of an interest made by a member of the Committee at a meeting must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

S. 84P  
inserted by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 3.

**84P. Periodic reports**

- (1) The Committee may, at any time, prepare and present to the Minister a report on its activities or any part of them.
- (2) The Committee must, after receiving a request from the Minister for information on any of its activities, give to the Minister the information requested.

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**PART 9—COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

**Division 1—Definitions**

**85. Definitions**

In this Part—

**"act of misconduct"** means an offender's contravention of this Act, the regulations, or a direction of the Secretary, a Regional Manager or an officer, which is declared by the regulations to be an act of misconduct;

S. 85 def. of "act of misconduct" amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 55(a)).

**"community corrections programme"** means a programme or series of programmes approved by the Secretary under this Part;

S. 85 def. of "community corrections programme" amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 55(b)).

**"officer"** means a person who is—

S. 85 def. of "officer" amended by Nos 11/1993 s. 7(1)(f), 23/1994 s. 118(Sch. 1 item 14.6).

- (a) a Regional Manager; or
- (b) a community corrections officer; or
- (c) a volunteer who is working at a location; or
- (d) an officer or employee in the Public Service or the teaching service or the Technical and Further Education Teaching Service who is working at a location; or
- (e) a member of a prescribed class of persons who works at a location as a psychiatrist, registered medical practitioner, dentist, nurse or health worker;

**"region"** means an area or several areas designated under this Part.

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**Division 2—Establishment of Community Corrections  
Centres and Regional Centres**

**86. Community corrections centres**

- (1) The Governor in Council may by order appoint any premises or place to be a community corrections centre.
- (2) An order establishing a community corrections centre may include a statement restricting the number of offenders who may attend the centre.
- (3) An order establishing a community corrections centre comes into operation on its making or on a later date stated in the order.
- (4) The Minister must within 7 days after the making of an order under sub-section (1) publish a copy of the order in the Government Gazette.
- (5) A place, establishment or institution which was an attendance centre under section 42 of the **Penalties and Sentences Act 1981** as in force immediately before the commencement of item 18 of Schedule 4 of the **Penalties and Sentences Act 1985** is deemed to be appointed a community corrections centre under this section.

**87. Regions**

- (1) The Secretary may in accordance with the regulations by instrument published in the Government Gazette designate what areas in Victoria are regions.
- (2) An instrument declaring a region may include a statement restricting the number of offenders who may be supervised at locations in the region.

**88. Regional centres**

- (1) The Governor in Council may by order appoint a community corrections centre to be a regional centre.

S. 87(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 56).

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- (2) An order under sub-section (1) comes into operation on its making or on a later date stated in the order.
- (3) The Minister must within 7 days after the making of an order under sub-section (1) publish a copy of the order in the Government Gazette.

**Division 3—Officers**

**89. Officers subject to Regional Manager's directions**

An officer—

- (a) who is an officer within the meaning of paragraph (e) of the definition of "officer" in section 85 and is working in a region, is subject to the directions relating to the security of locations in the region given by the Regional Manager of the region; and
- (b) who is an officer within the meaning of paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) of the definition of "officer" in section 85 is working in a region, is subject to the directions of the Regional Manager of the region.

**90. Powers and duties of officers**

- (1) An officer must, when required by the Secretary, make reports and returns and keep records and give those reports, returns and records to the Secretary or to any person or body stated in the requirement.
- (2) An officer must, when required by the Secretary—
  - (a) report to a court concerning an offender or a person who comes before the court for sentencing or where the court is considering giving a person a bond; and

S. 90(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 57).

S. 90(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 57).

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- (b) report to the Adult Parole Board concerning an offender.
  - (3) An officer working at a location—
    - (a) must not jeopardize the security or the good order of the location; and
    - (b) must report immediately to the Regional Manager anything which might reasonably be thought to jeopardize the security or the good order of the location.
  - (4) In relation to officers within the meaning of paragraph (e) of the definition of "officer" in section 85—
    - (a) sub-sections (1) and (2) apply as if they referred to reports, returns and records concerning the security of locations only; and
    - (b) sub-section (3) applies as if it did not include references to good order.
  - (5) An officer in charge of a location or part of a location must take all reasonable steps for the security and management of, and the safety and welfare of offenders at the location or part of the location.
  - (6) An officer may give such directions to offenders as are necessary for the management good order or security of a location.
  - (7) A community corrections officer may use reasonable force to compel an offender to obey a direction, if the officer believes on reasonable grounds that the use of force is necessary—
    - (a) to prevent the offender or another person being killed or seriously injured; or
    - (b) to prevent serious damage to property.
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- (8) If a community corrections officer uses force to compel an offender to obey a direction, the officer must report the fact to the Regional Manager as soon as possible.
- (9) The Regional Manager must as soon as possible report to the Secretary—
- (a) the use of force by the Regional Manager to compel an offender to obey a direction; and
  - (b) the use of force by a community corrections officer, if that officer has reported the fact to the Regional Manager.

S. 90(9)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 57).

**91. Disclosure of information**

- (1) Except for the extent necessary to perform official duties, an officer must not disclose to any person except—
- (a) a court; or
  - (b) the Minister; or
  - (c) the Secretary; or
  - (d) a Regional Manager; or
  - (e) with the authority of the Minister, Secretary or a Regional Manager; or
  - (f) the Ombudsman or the Ombudsman's officers—

S. 91  
amended by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 8(3) (ILA  
s. 39B(1)).

S. 91(1)(c)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 58).

S. 91(1)(e)  
amended by  
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item 58).

information gained because of the officer's position as an officer or contained in a record, return or report prepared by the officer under this Act.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

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S. 91(2)  
inserted by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 8(3).

(2) Sub-section (1) does not prevent an officer from recording, accessing, disclosing, communicating or making use of any information referred to in that sub-section on a computerised database in the performance of official duties if the Minister has given written authority under sub-section (3) that applies to the officer.

S. 91(3)  
inserted by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 8(3).

(3) The Minister may, by instrument in writing, authorise officers, or classes of officers, specified in the authority, to record, access, disclose, communicate or make use of, for the performance of their official duties, information, or classes of information, of a kind referred to in sub-section (1) on a computerised database specified in the authority that is able to be accessed by—

- (a) officers; or
- (b) persons holding a position within the meaning of section 30, other than as volunteers; or
- (c) members of the police force.

S. 91(4)  
inserted by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 8(3).

(4) Nothing in this section prevents the recording or accessing and using of health information within the meaning of the **Health Records Act 2001** in accordance with that Act.

**92. Additional duties of Regional Manager**

(1) The Regional Manager of a region is responsible for the management good order and security of the locations in the region.

S. 92(2)  
amended by  
No. 49/1991  
s. 119(7)  
(Sch. 4  
item 3.8).

(2) The Regional Manager of a region must take reasonable steps to ensure that officers working in the region have access to information as to what their powers and duties are and what provision is made by or under this Act and the **Sentencing Act 1991** concerning locations and offenders.

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- (3) The Regional Manager of a region must give all necessary directions to ensure that—
- (a) officers within the meaning of paragraph (e) of the definition of "officer" in section 85 and who are working in or assigned to the region, comply with the provisions of this Act, and the regulations concerning the security of locations; and
  - (b) other officers working in or assigned to the region comply with this Act, the regulations, and the **Sentencing Act 1991**.

S. 92(3)(b)  
amended by  
No. 49/1991  
s. 119(7)  
(Sch. 4  
item 3.8).

**Division 4—Discipline of Offenders**

**93. Additional directions by community corrections officers**

- (1) A community corrections officer may give directions (not inconsistent with any correctional order) to an offender concerning the work which the offender is to undertake at a location and the times at which an offender is to attend a location and the reports which the offender is to make as to attendance and work done.
- (2) A direction under sub-section (1) must not unreasonably interfere with work being done by an offender, education being undertaken by an offender or the practice by an offender of a religion.

**94. Regional Manager may deal with acts of misconduct**

- (1) The Regional Manager of a region must in accordance with the regulations record any alleged act of misconduct committed by an offender at a location in the region and the action taken by the Regional Manager.



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- (2) If the Regional Manager of a region suspects that an offender has committed an act of misconduct at a location in the region the Regional Manager must immediately make proper investigation of the matter.
- (3) During an investigation the Regional Manager must give the offender an opportunity to make submissions about the alleged act of misconduct.
- (4) If after completing an investigation and considering any submissions made by an offender the Regional Manager determines that the offender has committed an act of misconduct but that the act is so trivial that action should not be taken against the offender for breach of a community-based order, the Regional Manager may caution or reprimand the offender and need take no further action.
- (5) If the Regional Manager determines that the offender has committed an act of misconduct by failing to do satisfactory work at a location, the Regional Manager may by instrument direct that the period during which the offender has not worked satisfactorily is not to be regarded as a period during which the offender has done work for the purposes of this Act.
- (6) The Regional Manager must give to the offender a copy of a direction made under sub-section (5).
- (7) At an offender's request the Secretary may by notice in writing given to the Regional Manager vary or revoke the Regional Manager's direction under this section.

S. 94(7)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 59).

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**Division 5—Community Corrections Programmes**

**95. Approval of community corrections programmes**

- (1) The Secretary may by instrument approve programmes of activities as community corrections programmes in which offenders may take part.
- (2) Community corrections programmes may include, but are not limited to, any of the following—
  - (a) community, voluntary or charitable work;
  - (b) programmes for the treatment of alcoholics or drug dependent persons;
  - (c) living at or attending locations;
  - (d) counselling;
  - (e) work at a hospital, home for aged or infirm persons or an educational institution;
  - (f) work at a home or institution for socially disadvantaged or disabled persons;
  - (g) work on Crown land;
  - (h) educational programmes;
  - (i) personal development programmes.
- (3) A community corrections programme may include a requirement for offenders to report on the activities in which they take part.
- (4) The Regional Manager of a region may determine for each offender under the Regional Manager's supervision an individual programme of activities including activities which are part of a community corrections programme.

S. 95(1)  
amended by  
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s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 60).

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**Division 6—Management and Administration of Locations**

**96. Officer subject to directions of Principal of training institution**

- (1) An officer attending a training institution is subject to the direction of the Principal of that institution.
- (2) In this section "**training institution**" means an institution for the training of officers established or conducted in accordance with the regulations.

**97. Secretary may nominate person to act as Regional Manager**

- (1) If a Regional Manager is absent from a region or the position of Regional Manager is vacant the Secretary may nominate a community corrections officer to act as Regional Manager while the Regional Manager is absent or the position of Regional Manager is vacant.
- (2) A community corrections officer nominated to act as Regional Manager has the functions powers and duties of a Regional Manager while so acting.

**98. Management of region in Regional Manager's temporary absence**

- (1) If a Regional Manager is to be absent temporarily from a region the Regional Manager may nominate a community corrections officer to be in charge of the region during the Regional Manager's absence.
- (2) If the Regional Manager is absent from the region and has not nominated a community corrections officer to be in charge of the region and the Secretary has not nominated a community corrections officer to act as Regional Manager, the most senior ranking community corrections officer then on duty is in charge of the region.

S. 97(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 61).

S. 98(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 62).

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- (3) A community corrections officer in charge of a region has the functions powers and duties of the Regional Manager until the Regional Manager returns or the Secretary nominates a person to act as Regional Manager.

S. 98(3)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 62).

**99. Photographing**

- (1) As soon as possible after an offender's reception into a community corrections centre a community corrections officer may take photographs of the offender and may take the offender's fingerprints.
- (2) For the purposes of identifying the offender and completing records concerning offenders an officer may at any time after an offender's reception into a community corrections centre take photographs of the offender or take the offender's fingerprints or both.
- (3) An officer may give to an offender all necessary directions to ensure the taking of accurate photographs and fingerprints.

S. 99(1)  
amended by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 7(5).

S. 99(2)  
amended by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 7(6).

S. 99(3)  
amended by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 7(7).

**100. Search**

- (1) A Regional Manager may at any time, order a community corrections officer to—
- (a) search any part of a community corrections centre in the region; or
- (b) search and examine an officer, an offender, a visitor or any other person in a community corrections centre; or
- (c) search and examine anything in a community corrections centre; or

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- (d) require a person wishing to enter a community corrections centre to submit to search and examination of the person and anything in the person's possession or under the person's control—

if the Regional Manager believes that the search is necessary for the security or good order of the community corrections centre or the offenders in it.

- (2) If a person other than an officer or an offender refuses to submit to a search under this section the Regional Manager may order the person to leave the community corrections centre immediately.
- (3) A person who disobeys a Regional Manager's order under sub-section (2) is guilty of an offence.  
Penalty: 5 penalty units.
- (4) A community corrections officer may, if necessary use reasonable force to compel a person to obey an order to leave a community corrections centre.
- (5) A community corrections officer is not liable for injury or damage caused in carrying out searches or using force in accordance with this section.
- (6) A Regional Manager may at any time order a search under this section to be terminated.

**101. Seizure**

- (1) In carrying out searches under section 100 a community corrections officer may seize anything found in a community corrections centre, whether in a person's possession or not, which the community corrections officer believes on reasonable grounds jeopardizes or is likely to jeopardize the security or good order of the community corrections centre or the safety of persons in it.

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- (2) A community corrections officer who seizes anything under sub-section (1) must immediately inform the Regional Manager.
  - (3) The Regional Manager must deal in accordance with the regulations with anything, which is not a drug of dependence, seized under this section.

### **102. Delegation**

A Regional Manager may by instrument delegate to an officer or class of officers any function or power of the Regional Manager under this Act, except this power of delegation, and the powers declared by the regulations to be powers which a Regional Manager cannot delegate.

### **103. Access to community corrections centres and locations**

- (1) The Regional Manager of a region may authorize any person to enter a location.
- (2) An authority under sub-section (1) is subject to the conditions determined by the Regional Manager and stated in the authority.
- (3) A person who is authorized to enter a location and who, whilst at the location—
  - (a) contravenes this Act, or the regulations; or
  - (b) contravenes a direction given by the Regional Manager; or
  - (c) contravenes a condition to which the authority to enter is subject; or
  - (d) does anything which, in the Regional Manager's opinion, threatens the good order or security of the location—

must, if ordered by the Regional Manager, leave the location immediately.

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- (4) A person who disobeys an order to leave a location is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

**104. Offender subject to Secretary's directions**

S. 104(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 63(b)).

- (1) An offender is subject to the Secretary's directions while the offender is at a location, taking part in a community corrections programme or is being transferred from one location to another, from a location to a place where a community corrections programme is conducted, or from that place to a location.

S. 104(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 63(a)).

- (2) The Secretary may, if not inconsistent with the correctional order relating to an offender, direct the offender to attend a location or to take part in a community corrections programme.

S. 104(3)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 63(a)).

- (3) An offender who disobeys a direction given by the Secretary under this section is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

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s. 11.

**104A. Definitions**

S. 104A  
inserted by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 11.

In this Part—

**"charged person"** means—

- (a) a person who has been charged with an offence who is detained in a police gaol; or
- (b) a person who is detained in a police gaol on the order of a court;

**"detained person"** means any person who is detained in a police gaol;

**"officer in charge"** means a member of the police force for the time being in charge of a police gaol;

**"police officer"** means a member of the police force.

**104B. Formal searches in police gaols**

S. 104B  
inserted by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 11.

- (1) A person who wishes to enter or remain in a police gaol as a visitor must, if asked, submit to a formal search.
- (2) In this section **"formal search"** means a search to detect the presence of drugs, weapons or metal articles carried out by an electronic or mechanical device.



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- (3) If, when asked, a person does not submit to a formal search, a police officer may prohibit the person from entering the police gaol or if the person is in the police gaol, order the person to leave the police gaol immediately.

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inserted by  
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s. 11.

**104C. Search powers**

- (1) For the good order or security of a police gaol or detained persons, the officer in charge of the police gaol may, at any time, exercise any of the following powers or order a police officer to exercise any of the following powers—
- (a) search any part of the police gaol; or
  - (b) search and examine any charged person, a visitor to the police gaol, a police officer or any other person in the police gaol;
  - (c) search and examine any thing in the police gaol or held by the police on behalf of a detained person;
  - (d) as well as the formal search required by section 104B, require a person wishing to enter a police gaol to submit to a search and examination of the person and of any thing in the person's possession or under the person's control; or
  - (e) conduct any search under paragraph (a), (b), (c), or (d) at random.
- (2) Sub-sections (1)(b) and (1)(d) do not apply to a visitor to a police gaol or person wishing to enter a police gaol who is—
- (a) a judge of the Supreme Court or County Court; or
  - (b) a magistrate; or
  - (c) a relative or friend of a detained person; or

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- (d) visiting a detained person who is a child within the meaning of the **Children and Young Persons Act 1989**.
- (3) The officer in charge of a police gaol may search or examine or order a police officer to search or examine a detained person (other than a charged person) if the officer in charge believes on reasonable grounds that the search or examination is necessary—
- (a) for the security or good order of the police gaol; or
  - (b) for the safety of persons at the police gaol (whether in custody or not); or
  - (c) to locate a weapon, or any thing that may be used in the escape of a person from a police gaol; or
  - (d) to locate any thing connected with, or affording evidence of, the commission of the offence for which the person is detained in the police gaol;
- (4) If a person, other than a detained person or a police officer, refuses to submit to be searched under this section while inside the police gaol, the officer in charge of the police gaol may order the person to leave the police gaol immediately.
- (5) A person must comply with an order under subsection (4).
- Penalty: 5 penalty units.
- (6) The officer in charge of a police gaol may at any time make an order terminating a search under this section.
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**104D. Seizure**

- (1) In carrying out searches under sections 104B and 104C, a police officer may seize any one or more of the following—
  - (a) any thing found in the police gaol, whether in a person's possession or not, which the police officer believes on reasonable grounds jeopardises or is likely to jeopardise the security or good order of the police gaol or the safety of persons in the police gaol;
  - (b) any thing found on a detained person or in a detained person's possession, other than a thing which the detained person is authorised to wear or to possess under the regulations or a direction of the officer in charge of the police gaol;
  - (c) any thing which a detained person is authorised to wear or possess under the regulations or a direction of the officer in charge of the police gaol which the police officer believes on reasonable grounds jeopardises or is likely to jeopardise the security of the police gaol or the safety of persons in the police gaol;
  - (d) any thing which the police officer believes on reasonable grounds is connected with, or affords evidence of, the commission of the offence for which the person is detained in the police gaol.
- (2) A police officer who seizes any thing under subsection (1) must immediately inform the officer in charge of the police gaol.

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- (3) The officer in charge of a police gaol must deal in accordance with the regulations with any thing, which is not a drug of dependence, and is seized under this section.
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**105. Proceedings for offences**

S. 105(1)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 64).

(1) The Secretary or an officer within the meaning of Part 5 or Part 9 authorized by the Secretary may take proceedings for offences against this Act or the regulations.

S. 105(2)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 64).

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1), the Secretary may authorize officers generally, a class of officers or a particular officer.

S. 105A  
inserted by  
No. 14/2004  
s. 10.

**105A. Offences by bodies corporate**

- (1) If, in proceedings for an offence against this Act, it is necessary to establish the intention or knowledge of a body corporate, it is sufficient to show that an officer, employee or agent of the body corporate had that intention or knowledge.
- (2) If an offence against this Act committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of a person who is a director, manager, secretary or other officer of the body corporate, that person is deemed to have committed the offence also and is liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (3) This section applies only with respect to an offence alleged to have been committed after the commencement of section 10 of the **Corrections (Further Amendment) Act 2004**.

S. 106  
amended by  
Nos 16/1987  
s. 4(3)(Sch. 1  
item 7(i)),  
45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 65(a)(b)).

**106. Judicial notice of signatures**

If by or under this Act or the **Community Services Act 1970** the Secretary or an officer within the meaning of Part 5 or Part 9 of this Act is required or authorized to sign a document, all courts must take judicial notice of the Secretary's or the officer's signature on that document.

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**107. Construction of references**

In—

- (a) an Act other than this Act; or
- (b) a subordinate instrument other than a subordinate instrument made under this Act; or
- (c) a document which is not an Act or a subordinate instrument—

a reference to "the Director of Children's Welfare", "the Director-General of Social Welfare", "the Director-General of Community Services", "the Director of Probation and Parole", "the Chief Probation Officer" or "the Chief Parole Officer" is—

- (d) if the matter to which the reference relates is after the commencement of this section or by virtue of the **Community Services (Director-General of Corrections) Act 1983** within the responsibilities of the Secretary, deemed to refer to the Secretary; and
- (e) if the matter to which the reference relates is after the commencement of section 17 of the **Corrections (Amendment) Act 1996** within the responsibilities of the Secretary, deemed to refer to the Secretary.

S. 107 amended by Nos 16/1987 s. 4(3)(Sch. 1 item 7(j)), 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 66(a)(b)).

S. 107(d) amended by No. 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1).

S. 107(e) inserted by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 66(b)).

**108. Apprehension of escaped prisoners**

A prison officer or any member of the police force—

- (a) may arrest a person who has escaped from the legal custody of the Secretary or the Chief Commissioner of Police; and
- (b) must deliver the person to a prison or police gaol as soon as possible after the arrest.

S. 108 repealed by No. 11/1993 s. 4(4), new s. 108 inserted by No. 45/2001 s. 19.

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S. 109  
amended by  
No. 31/1994  
s. 3(Sch. 1  
item 14).

**109. Grants by Minister**

Out of the moneys available for the purpose the Minister may make grants to organizations which, in the Minister's opinion, promote the welfare of prisoners or offenders or provide treatment or help of any other kind for prisoners or offenders.

S. 110  
amended by  
No. 49/1991  
s. 119(7)  
(Sch. 4  
item 3.9),  
substituted by  
No. 50/1994  
s. 124.

**110. Accident compensation**

A person who is—

- (a) an offender who is required or directed by or under a correctional order, a provision of the **Sentencing Act 1991**, or Part 9 of this Act to work or to take part in a programme of activities; or
- (b) a volunteer who is working in a prison or at a location; or
- (c) a person who is required or directed by or under a diversion program under section 128A of the **Magistrates' Court Act 1989** to work or to take part in a program of activities—

S. 110(b)  
amended by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 9(a).

is deemed, for the purposes of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**, to be a worker employed by the Crown.

S. 110(c)  
inserted by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 9(b).

**111. Sheriff's power not affected**

This Act does not affect any function power or duty in relation to prisons or the confinement or release of prisoners which a sheriff has under another Act or a rule of law or practice.

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**111A. Supreme Court—limitation of jurisdiction**

(1) It is the intention of this section to alter or vary section 85 of the **Constitution Act 1975** to the extent necessary to prevent the Supreme Court from—

S. 111A  
inserted by  
No. 94/1994  
s. 23,  
amended by  
No. 26/1997  
s. 16(1).

(a) entertaining actions for compensation in respect of which section 8D provides that no compensation is payable; and

(b) entertaining actions for liability in relation to a matter in respect of which section 9CB provides that there is no liability.

(2) It is the intention of section 9CB as amended by the **Police and Corrections (Amendment) Act 1997** to alter or vary section 85 of the **Constitution Act 1975**.

S. 111A(2)  
inserted by  
No. 26/1997  
s. 16(2).

(3) It is the intention of section 9CB as amended by the **Corrections (Custody) Act 2001** to alter or vary section 85 of the **Constitution Act 1975**.

S. 111A(3)  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 20.

(3A) It is the intention of section 9CB, as amended by the **Corrections (Amendment) Act 2003**, to alter or vary section 85 of the **Constitution Act 1975**.

S. 111A(3A)  
inserted by  
No. 38/2003  
s. 11.

(4) It is the intention of section 55E to alter or vary section 85 of the **Constitution Act 1975**.

S. 111A(4)  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 20.

**112. Regulations**

(1) The Governor in Council may, subject to disallowance by Parliament, make regulations for or with respect to any of the following matters—

(a) the management, good order and security of prisons and locations and the discipline and welfare of prisoners and offenders, the privileges of prisoners and the procedures for hearing and dealing with prison offences and acts of misconduct by offenders;



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| <b>S. 112(1)(aa)</b><br>inserted by<br>No. 15/1989<br>s. 30(1). | (aa) the management, good order and security of police gaols and the discipline and welfare of people detained in them, and the procedures for hearing and dealing with offences and acts of misconduct committed by people detained in police gaols;  |
| <b>S. 112(1)(b)</b><br>amended by<br>No. 16/1991<br>s. 17(a).   | (b) the establishment of training institutions for officers under Part 5 or Part 9;  |
| <b>S. 112(1)(ba)</b><br>inserted by<br>No. 16/1991<br>s. 17(b). | (ba) the training, discipline and conduct of officers;   |
| <b>S. 112(1)(c)</b><br>amended by<br>No. 15/1989<br>s. 30(2).   | (c) the medical and dental testing and treatment (including vaccination) of prisoners, offenders and people detained in police gaols;  |
| <b>S. 112(1)(d)</b><br>amended by<br>No. 15/1989<br>s. 30(3).   | (d) the manner of dealing with property belonging to, sent to, or delivered for prisoners and people detained in police gaols and restrictions on the storage in a prison of property belonging to prisoners and people detained in police gaols;  |
| <b>S. 112(1)(f)</b><br>amended by<br>No. 15/1989<br>s. 30(4).   | (e) the classification of prisoners;   |
|   | (f) how and for what purposes prisoners and people detained in police gaols may be placed under restraint and how, where, for how long and in what circumstances prisoners and people detained in police gaols or classes of prisoners and people detained in police gaols may be separated from each other; |
|   | (g) searches under this Act, and the manner of dealing with property seized, including the forfeiture of property to the Crown;  |
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- (h) the work to be done by, or made available for prisoners and offenders, the remuneration (if any) for that work, the issue possession and use of tools and equipment by prisoners and offenders, and the payment of gratuities to prisoners or offenders where no work is available;
- (ha) access to and operation of prison industries and prison industry sites; **S. 112(1)(ha) inserted by No. 45/1996 s. 6.**
- (i) the moneys which may be paid to or received by prisoners or held for prisoners by officers at a prison, the extent to which and the purposes for which prisoners may spend or use moneys earned or received by them or held for them and the extent to which moneys held for a prisoner must be retained until the release of the prisoner from custody and the procedures for investment of those retained moneys and providing that prisoners are not entitled to any interest or other proceeds from the investment of those retained moneys; **S. 112(1)(i) amended by No. 45/1996 s. 16.**
- (j) communication by or with prisoners and people detained in police gaols, visits to prisons and police gaols and the facilities and accommodation to be provided for families, children and close friends of prisoners; **S. 112(1)(j) amended by No. 15/1989 s. 30(5)(a)(b).**
- (k) the issue of firearms to, and the carrying, use and storage of firearms by, prison officers or escort officers; **S. 112(1)(k) amended by No. 45/2001 s. 21.**
- (l) the circumstances in which dogs may be approved for use by prison officers in accordance with this Act;
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- (m) the notices returns and information to be given and the records and registers to be kept for the purposes of this Act;
- S. 112(1)(ma) inserted by No. 14/2004 s. 11. (ma) the establishment and keeping of a victims register;
- S. 112(1)(mb) inserted by No. 14/2004 s. 11. (mb) the manner of application for registration by persons wishing to be included on the victims register;
- S. 112(1)(mc) inserted by No. 14/2004 s. 11. (mc) the manner and circumstances in which a person may be removed from the victims register;
- S. 112(1)(md) inserted by No. 14/2004 s. 11. (md) matters to be included in victim submissions;
- S. 112(1)(n) amended by Nos 44/1991 s. 6(n), 53/2003 s. 19. (n) parole orders, home detention orders and the procedure of the Parole Board;
- S. 112(1)(o) amended by No. 15/1989 s. 30(6). (o) authorized absences by prisoners and the transfer of prisoners and people detained in police gaols;
- (p) the ways in which a sheriff may carry out a function power or duty in relation to prisons or the confinement or release of prisoners;
- (q) the removal of prisoners from prison in the interests of justice, and the custody of prisoners whilst absent from prison;
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- (r) the reduction of the length of a sentence of imprisonment or of the non-parole period, if one has been fixed in respect of the sentence, on account of good behaviour while the person serving the sentence is suffering disruption or deprivation—
- (i) during an industrial dispute or emergency existing in the prison or police gaol in which the sentence is being served; or
- (ii) in other circumstances of an unforeseen and special nature;
- (s) the issue of authorities under section 15, the conditions to which authorities are subject, and the manner and circumstances in which persons may exercise the powers which they are authorized to exercise;
- (t) prescribing forms;
- (u) generally prescribing any other matter or thing required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed or necessary to be prescribed to give effect to this Act.
- (2) The regulations—
- (a) may be of general or limited application; and
- (b) may differ according to differences in time place or circumstances; and
- (c) may confer discretions or powers or impose duties in connection with the regulations on the Secretary, a Governor, a Regional Manager, an officer employed in the administration of this Act, a volunteer, a prisoner or an offender; and
- S. 112(1)(r) substituted by No. 44/1991 s. 4(2).**
- S. 112(2)(c) amended by No. 45/1996 s. 17(Sch. 1 item 67).**

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S. 112(2)(d)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 67).

- (d) may confer power on the Secretary, a Governor or a Regional Manager to grant exemption from the regulations, to impose conditions subject to which the exemption is granted and to revoke or vary the exemption; and
- (e) may apply or incorporate by reference any document formulated in accordance with the regulations and concerning the conduct of officers under Part 5 or Part 9, prisoners or offenders, the privileges of prisoners or the routine of a prison or a location; and
- (f) may impose penalties not exceeding 10 penalty units for contravention of the regulations.

S. 112(3)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 67).

- (3) If a Governor or a Regional Manager grants or varies an exemption under a power conferred by the regulations the Governor or the Regional Manager must as soon as possible report details of the exemption or variation to the Secretary.

S. 112(4)  
amended by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 17(Sch. 1  
item 67).

- (4) The Secretary may by instrument given to the Governor or Regional Manager revoke or vary an exemption granted by the Governor or Regional Manager.

S. 112(5)  
repealed by  
No. 45/1996  
s. 7(d).

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**PART 11—TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

**113. Act to apply to prison sentences etc. before date of commencement**

- (1) This Act applies to all prisoners, whether or not they were sentenced before or after the commencement of this section, and whether or not at the date of the commencement of this section there is in force in relation to them a parole order or a pre-release permit under the **Community Services Act 1970**.

S. 113(1) amended by No. 16/1987 s. 4(3)(Sch. 1 item 7(k)).
- (2) A pre-release permit issued under the **Community Services Act 1970** and in force immediately before the date of commencement of this section has effect as if it were a pre-release permit issued under Part 8 of this Act.

S. 113(2) amended by No. 16/1987 s. 4(3)(Sch. 1 item 7(k)).
- (3) An order made by the Adult Parole Board under the **Community Services Act 1970** and in force at the date of commencement of this section has effect as if it were an order made under this Act by the Adult Parole Board established by this Act.

S. 113(3) amended by No. 16/1987 s. 4(3)(Sch. 1 item 7(k)).
- (4) A permit or order which under this section has effect as if it were made under this Act may be enforced, varied, amended, cancelled or revoked under the provisions of this Act which relate to permits or orders of that kind.
- (5) This Act applies to an offender, whether the correctional order to which the offender is subject is made before or after the date of commencement of this section.

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S. 114  
amended by  
No. 16/1987  
s. 4(3)(Sch. 1  
item 7(i)),  
repealed by  
No. 11/1995  
s. 3(2)(Sch. 2),  
new s. 114  
inserted by  
No. 45/2001  
s. 22.

**114. Transitional provisions—legal custody**

- (1) Any person who immediately before the commencement of section 4 of the **Corrections (Custody) Act 2001** was deemed under section 4 to be in the custody of the Secretary, is, on and after that commencement, deemed to be in the legal custody of the Secretary under Part 1A until custody ceases in accordance with that Part.
- (2) Any person who immediately before the commencement of section 12 of the **Corrections (Custody) Act 2001** was deemed under section 11 to be in the custody of the Chief Commissioner of Police, is, on and after that commencement, deemed to be in the legal custody of the Chief Commissioner of Police under Part 1A until custody ceases in accordance with that Part.

S. 115  
inserted by  
No. 35/2002  
s. 10.

**115. Transitional provisions—Criminal Justice Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2002**

- (1) The amendments to this Act made by section 7 of the **Criminal Justice Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2002** apply to fingerprints taken after the commencement of that section.
- (2) The amendments to this Act made by section 8 of the **Criminal Justice Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2002** apply to information whether obtained before or after the commencement of that section.

S. 115A  
inserted by  
No. 97/2004  
s. 5.

**115A. Transitional provisions—change of name applications**

- (1) This Act as amended by Part 2 of the **Corrections and Major Crime (Investigative Powers) Acts (Amendment) Act 2004** applies to any change of name application received by the Registrar before the commencement of that Part, if the change of name had not been registered before that commencement.

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(2) In this section—

**"change of name application"** has the same meaning as in section 47G;

**"Registrar"** means the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages under the **Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996**.

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Sch. 1  
amended by  
No. 16/1987  
s. 4(3)(Sch. 1  
item 7(m)),  
repealed by  
No. 11/1993  
s. 7(1)(g).

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NAMES OF PRISONS

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Old Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
Ararat Prison	Her Majesty's Prison, Ararat.
Her Majesty's Prison, Bendigo	Her Majesty's Prison, Bendigo.
Her Majesty's Prison, Beechworth	Her Majesty's Prison, Beechworth.
Castlemaine Prison	Her Majesty's Prison, Castlemaine.
Her Majesty's Prison, Dhurringile	Her Majesty's Prison, Dhurringile.
Fairlea Female Prison	Her Majesty's Prison, Fairlea.
Her Majesty's Prison, Geelong	Her Majesty's Prison, Geelong.
Morwell River Reforestation Prison	Her Majesty's Prison, Morwell River.
Her Majesty's Prison, Pentridge	Her Majesty's Prison, Pentridge.
Her Majesty's Metropolitan Reception Prison	Her Majesty's Metropolitan Reception Prison.
Sale Prison	Her Majesty's Prison, Sale.
Won Wron Reforestation Prison	Her Majesty's Prison, Won Wron.

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**ENDNOTES**

**1. General Information**

*Minister's second reading speech—*

*Legislative Assembly: 18 September 1986*

*Legislative Council: 20 November 1986*

The long title for the Bill for this Act was "A Bill for an Act to make provision for the administration and management of correctional services, to make consequential amendments to certain Acts and for other purposes."

The **Corrections Act 1986** was assented to on 23 December 1986 and came into operation as follows:

Sections 1–3, 5, 6, 10, 59, 60, Divisions 1, 5, 6 of Part 8, section 113, Schedule 1 items 2, 5(2)(5), Schedule 2 on 6 May 1987: Government Gazette 6 May 1987 page 1004; Parts 2, 4–7, 9, 10, Divisions 2, 3 of Part 8, sections 4, 11, Schedule 1 items 1, 3–5(1)(3)(4)(6)–(9) on 1 March 1988: Government Gazette 24 February 1988 page 363; section 114 was never proclaimed, repealed by No. 11/1995.

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## 2. Table of Amendments

This Version incorporates amendments made to the **Corrections Act 1986** by Acts and subordinate instruments.

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### **Community Services Act 1987, No. 16/1987**

*Assent Date:* 12.5.87  
*Commencement Date:* S. 4(3)(Sch. 1 item 7) on 22.2.89: Government Gazette 22.2.89 p. 386  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

### **Crimes (Amendment) Act 1987, No. 70/1987**

*Assent Date:* 24.11.87  
*Commencement Date:* S. 8 on 1.9.88: Government Gazette 31.8.88 p. 2598  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

### **Crimes (Fingerprinting) Act 1988, No. 38/1988**

*Assent Date:* 24.5.88  
*Commencement Date:* S. 7(1)(a) on 1.1.90: Government Gazette 20.12.89 p. 3290  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

### **State Superannuation Act 1988, No. 50/1988**

*Assent Date:* 24.5.88  
*Commencement Date:* S. 93(2)(Sch. 2 Pt 2 item 7) on 1.7.88: Government Gazette 1.6.88 p. 1487  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

### **Police Regulation (Amendment) Act 1989, No. 15/1989**

*Assent Date:* 16.5.89  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 29, 30 on 16.5.89: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

### **Children and Young Persons Act 1989, No. 56/1989 (as amended by No. 93/1990)**

*Assent Date:* 14.6.89  
*Commencement Date:* S. 286(Sch. 2 item 6) on 31.1.91: Special Gazette (No. 9) 31.1.91 p. 2  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

### **Magistrates' Court (Consequential Amendments) Act 1989, No. 57/1989**

*Assent Date:* 14.6.89  
*Commencement Date:* S. 4(1)(a)–(e)(2) on 1.9.89: Government Gazette 30.8.89 p. 2210; rest of Act on 1.9.90: Government Gazette 25.7.90 p. 2217  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

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**Corrections (Prison Management and Prisoners) Act 1991, No. 16/1991**

*Assent Date:* 23.4.91  
*Commencement Date:* 1.10.91: Government Gazette 25.9.91 p. 2650  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Corrections (Remissions) Act 1991, No. 44/1991** (as amended by No. 11/1993)

*Assent Date:* 18.6.91  
*Commencement Date:* All of Act (*except* s. 6(k)) on 22.4.92: Government Gazette 15.4.92 p. 898; s. 6(k) was never proclaimed and was repealed by No. 11/1993 s. 7(2)  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Sentencing Act 1991, No. 49/1991**

*Assent Date:* 25.6.91  
*Commencement Date:* 22.4.92: Government Gazette 15.4.92 p. 898  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Corrections (Management) Act 1993, No. 11/1993** (as amended by No. 45/1996)

*Assent Date:* 11.5.93  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 1, 2 on 11.5.93: s. 2(1); rest of Act (*except* ss 5, 6) on 18.6.93: Government Gazette 17.6.93 p. 1534  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Sentencing (Amendment) Act 1993, No. 41/1993**

*Assent Date:* 1.6.93  
*Commencement Date:* S. 18 on 15.8.93: Government Gazette 12.8.93 p. 2244  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Medical Practice Act 1994, No. 23/1994**

*Assent Date:* 17.5.94  
*Commencement Date:* S. 118(Sch. 1 item 14) on 1.7.94: Government Gazette 23.6.94 p. 1672  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Financial Management (Consequential Amendments) Act 1994, No. 31/1994**

*Assent Date:* 31.5.94  
*Commencement Date:* S. 3(Sch. 1 item 14) on 7.7.94: Government Gazette 7.7.94 p. 1878—see **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984**  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Accident Compensation (Amendment) Act 1994, No. 50/1994**

*Assent Date:* 15.6.94  
*Commencement Date:* S. 124 on 24.6.94: Special Gazette (No. 37) 24.6.94 p. 2—see **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984**  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

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**Corrections (Amendment) Act 1994, No. 94/1994**

*Assent Date:* 13.12.94  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 1, 2 on 13.2.94: s. 2(1); rest of Act on 12.1.95:  
Government Gazette 12.1.95 p. 15  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Statute Law Revision Act 1995, No. 11/1995**

*Assent Date:* 26.4.95  
*Commencement Date:* 26.4.95  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Miscellaneous Acts (Omnibus Amendments) Act 1996, No. 22/1996**

*Assent Date:* 2.7.96  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 3, 4 on 2.7.96: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Children and Young Persons (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1996,  
No. 44/1996**

*Assent Date:* 26.11.96  
*Commencement Date:* 26.11.96: s. 2  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Corrections (Amendment) Act 1996, No. 45/1996**

*Assent Date:* 26.11.96  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 1, 2 on 26.11.96: s. 2(1); rest of Act (*except*  
ss 11–13) on 6.2.97: Government Gazette 6.2.97  
p. 257; ss 11–13 on 20.12.97: Government Gazette  
18.12.97 p. 3612  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Police and Corrections (Amendment) Act 1997, No. 26/1997**

*Assent Date:* 20.5.97  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 9–16 on 22.5.97: Government Gazette 22.5.97  
p. 1131  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997, No. 65/1997**

*Assent Date:* 18.11.97  
*Commencement Date:* S. 81 on 18.4.98: s. 2(3)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Public Sector Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1998, No. 46/1998**

*Assent Date:* 26.5.98  
*Commencement Date:* S. 7(Sch. 1) on 1.7.98: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s  
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**Crimes (Questioning of Suspects) Act 2000, No. 86/2000**

*Assent Date:* 5.12.00  
*Commencement Date:* 6.12.00: s. 2  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Corrections (Custody) Act 2001, No. 45/2001**

*Assent Date:* 27.6.01  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 3–37 on 1.3.02: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Statute Law Further Amendment (Relationships) Act 2001, No. 72/2001**

*Assent Date:* 7.11.01  
*Commencement Date:* S. 3(Sch. item 4) on 20.12.01: Government Gazette 20.12.01 p. 3127  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Sentencing (Amendment) Act 2002, No. 2/2002**

*Assent Date:* 26.3.02  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 12, 13 on 2.5.02: Government Gazette 2.5.02 p. 789  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Criminal Justice Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2002, No. 35/2002**

*Assent Date:* 18.6.02  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 7–10 on 19.6.02: s. 2(1)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Corrections (Amendment) Act 2003, No. 38/2003**

*Assent Date:* 11.6.03  
*Commencement Date:* 12.6.03: s. 2  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Corrections and Sentencing Acts (Home Detention) Act 2003, No. 53/2003**

*Assent Date:* 16.6.03  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 11–19 on 1.1.04: s. 2(5)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Corrections (Further Amendment) Act 2004, No. 14/2004**

*Assent Date:* 18.5.04  
*Commencement Date:* 30.8.04: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* All of Act in operation

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances and Therapeutic Goods (Victoria) Acts (Amendment) Act 2004, No. 74/2004**

*Assent Date:* 9.11.04  
*Commencement Date:* S. 21 on 10.11.04: s. 2  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

*Corrections Act 1986*  
*Act No. 117/1986*

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**Corrections and Major Crime (Investigative Powers) Acts (Amendment) Act 2004, No. 97/2004**

*Assent Date:* 14.12.04  
*Commencement Date:* Ss 3–5 on 15.12.04: s. 2(2)  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

**Public Administration Act 2004, No. 108/2004**

*Assent Date:* 21.12.04  
*Commencement Date:* S. 117(1)(Sch. 3 item 45) on 5.4.05: Government Gazette 31.3.05 p. 602  
*Current State:* This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Corrections Act 1986**

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*Corrections Act 1986*  
*Act No. 117/1986*

**Endnotes**

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**3. Explanatory Details**

<sup>1</sup> S. 32(5): Note 1 in the **Corrections Act 1986**, No. 117/1986 reads:

Section 32(5): Persons apprehended under section 32(5) are to be treated as if apprehended under section 459 of the **Crimes Act 1958**. This means that the provisions of the Crimes Act dealing with the period for which the apprehended person can be held and the bringing of the apprehended person before the court apply.