

Community Coalition on Corrections

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Mr Simon Corbell
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Dear Mr Corbell,

Thank you for your letter dated 28 May in response to the Coalition's letter on performance indicators, dated 30 April. In your letter, you invited the Coalition to discuss this matter with Mr Paget. The Coalition is, of course, willing to comply with your invitation. Before doing so, though, it would appreciate your confirmation that the Government remains committed to the following outcomes from the prison identified in Mr Stanhope's speech to the Assembly in August 2004:

- * “The prospects for the rehabilitation of ACT sentenced prisoners will be improved”;
- * “Possibilities for reducing rates of recidivism will be improved” and there will be “reductions in offending behaviour”;
- * “The health and well being of the ACT prisoner population will be improved”;
- * Programs will “reduce[e] drug and alcohol addictions”;
- * Programs will “mak[e] improvements in mental health”;
- * Programs will “minimis[e] self-harm”;
- * There will be “improvements in prisoner educational attainments]” and there will be “improved training and work skills that are appropriate and transferable to the workforce in the Canberra region”;
- * There will be “smooth reintegration of prisoners back into the ACT community on release”;
- * “Prisoners will have greater accessibility to, and interaction with, family and other supports to assist in their rehabilitation and to maintain family unity”; and
- * The “risk factors confronting families with children coming into contact with the criminal justice system will be reduced.”

Yours sincerely,

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 (On behalf of the Community Coalition on Corrections)