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THE WAY FORWARD

Proposed Regimes for Integrated and Non-integrated Prisoners

General Policy

The regime at this Prison will be composed of two elements, a full regime for those prisoners who live in integrated accommodation, a more restricted programme for those who live in non-integrated accommodation. The restricted regime will be modified further for prisoners who refuse to work.

Allocation to Regime

✓ An Allocation Board to be established to review prisoners at the end of a twenty eight day committal period.

The task of the Board is to allocate each prisoner to a regime - the prisoner will not be given the opportunity to exercise any choice in the matter.

In arriving at its decision the Board will take into account:-

- RUC/Army knowledge of the prisoner
- Previous Prison history
- Offence
- Staff reports on the prisoners behaviour and attitudes whilst in the committal wing.

The Boards decision will be communicated to the prisoner by the Assistant Governor in charge of the Block.

It is suggested that the Board should be made up of:-

- Governor III (3rd i/c of the Prison) - Chairman
- Chief Officer II (i/c Phase)
- Chief Officer (Security)
- Assistant Governor (i/c Block)
- Principal Officer (i/c Block)
- Representative from Prison Operations Division

Regimes

Whilst the two regimes have obvious differences certain common elements exist:-

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- Letters and visits entitlements
- Weekly parcel
- Tuck Shop (spending power does differ)
- Work (earnings differ)
- Home Leave (differing levels)
- Association (differing levels)
- Remedial Education and Post Remedial Education (different programmes)
- Handicrafts (different systems)
- Use of Library facilities
- Personal radio (if prisoner is working)

Regime for Integrated Prisoners

Prisoners living in mixed wings will have the full traditional Prison programme available to them.

A full programme of work will be available to them and they will be allocated to that work by the normal allocation procedure. The allocation procedures will hopefully take into account the prisoners wishes, that is, as far as it is possible to do so.

Mixed prisoners will not be required to take part in any activity with prisoners in segregated wings.

Mixed prisoners will be required to work a 'normal' working day, but, will be paid at a higher rate than those prisoners in segregated wings who will only work on a part time basis. The higher rate of pay to be in the form of a bonus or whatever system is feasible.

One change is being introduced into the 'traditional' Prison programme and that is the availability of handicraft facilities. The normal facility in future will be that prisoners may take part in a formal education class organised by the Education Officer or practice a 'safe' hobby in their cells.

Regime for Non-integrated prisoners

This separate regime is made of two parts, a broader regime for those who work, a more restricted regime for those who refuse to work.

Regime for those who work

- Work
- work to be on a half day basis
 - payment to be at the basic rate
 - work locations to be restricted to 'non-dangerous' workshops:-
Metal Fabrication Workshop excluded.

Motor Vehicle Maintenance excluded

VTC Electrical excluded

- prisoners to be allocated to work by Wing.

Education

- Remedial Education available.
- Restricted post-remedial programme:-
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Foreign Language
- Open University excluded
- Handicrafts class organised by the Education Officer.

Exercise

- Limited to one hour each day.

Home Leave

- Limited to Terminal Home Leave
EHL and Christmas Leave excluded
- Compassionate Leave under present system

General
Privileges

- Association time reduced by half
- No handicrafts in the Cell or Wing
- Weekly parcel only allowed; special parcels at Christmas and at other times excluded.
- No use of the gymnasium or sports fields.*
- Personal radio and musical instruments allowed.
- Library facilities allowed.
- Tuckshop facilities allowed subject to:-
 - spending power limited to earnings plus an equivalent amount of private cash.
- *- It is recommended that Young Prisoners be allowed the use of the gymnasium

Prisoner
Movement

Prisoners in this separate regime will be subjected to restricted movement in the Blocks.

Each wing will be divided into notional halves. Each half group of prisoners will take part in communal activities at separate times, that is, other than meals or church services. Thus, whilst one half of the wing is at work the other half will remain in the Block, have their exercise period or carry out domestic work. Prisoners will therefore work alternate mornings and afternoons to ensure equal length of time at work. Similarly, evening association will be on an alternate night basis.

Suitable arrangements will be made for weekend association to ensure an equal measure of time for each group.

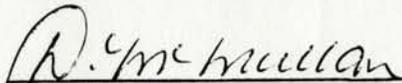
Regime for those who do not work

The regime will be as listed for those who do work other than:-

- To be paid at a rate of pay sufficient to purchase one half ounce of tobacco plus 'papers'
- Personal radio not allowed
- Remedial Education classes only permitted
- Musical instruments not allowed.

This paper has deliberately not re-stated the reasons how we have arrived at the point of having to introduce a separate regime for certain prisoners in the Maze (Cellular) Prison. The proposed regime for those prisoners who are living in non-integrated accommodation is designed simply to exercise a degree of control that we would otherwise not be able to achieve.

This paper has not dealt with how we would assimilate prisoners who subsequently request to live an integrated existence. Whilst this particular point would require special consideration the basis of whatever decision is arrived at must be that it will be the Prison Authority which dictates the pace and not the prisoner.


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