



Appendix E: Upgrading detention centres

VILLAWOOD IDC

Work performed at Villawood during the 2000/20001 Financial Year was to expand the total accommodation available to detainees, including additional capacity (Stage 3) for single men with a level of security similar to that of Stage 1. This new area comprises refurbished buildings, used in the past for migrant accommodation and used in Stage 2. It also includes accommodation designed to assist with the management of detainees who are behaviour management problems, and accommodation for those who may be at risk of self-harm and require closer observation.

Associated works included the provision of additional areas for services such as recreation, prayer, interview rooms, improved kitchen and dining facilities and medical facilities.

In addition, the project included an improvement in staff facilities in line with the increased capacity of the centre, security and other services works, including landscaping.

Work undertaken in Stage 1 include improved visitors and dining facilities and the opening up of a grassed areas, between the two dormitory wings, for detainee use. The availability of Stage 3 for detainees currently in Stage 1 allows Stage 1 to be vacated. The dormitory areas of Stage 1 will then be refurbished, prior to reoccupation.

The estimated total cost of the work is \$5.1m.

WOOMERA IRPC

Work performed at Woomera during the 2000/2001 Financial Year focussed on increasing the capacity of the Centre, and the amenity within the Centre. This involved additional accommodation demountables and associated ablution, recreation programs and dining facilities, shade to all compounds, and improvements to associated service areas such as kitchens, interviewing areas and services such as water, electrical and security.

In addition, a palisade fence was constructed around the entire Centre. A medical centre is being constructed. Landscaping within the Centre has begun, as the weather is conducive to growth.

Construction is about to commence on significantly improved sports and play areas within the Centre, along with an education complex in Phase 1.

The total cost of works undertaken and currently planned for the Woomera IRPC is \$25m.

PERTH IDC

Major work planned at Perth IDC will increase capacity and improve its amenity, particularly for female detainees, for the period prior to full redevelopment in 2005/2006. Detailed design work is currently being carried out in Perth for this enlargement and refurbishment.

The estimated total cost of the work is \$0.2m.

MARIBYRNONG IDC

Refurbishment work at Maribyrnong is scheduled for 2005/2006. The Department of Finance and Administration is currently upgrading the perimeter fence, at an estimated cost of \$2m.