



Economic Regulation Authority

Notice

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Inquiry into the efficiency and performance of Western Australian prisons

Final report published

The Economic Regulation Authority (**ERA**) has published its Final Report on its Inquiry into the efficiency and performance of Western Australian Prisons (**Inquiry**). The Final Report was delivered to The Treasurer, Dr Michael Nahan, on 8 October 2015 and subsequently tabled in Parliament on 4 November 2015.

The Treasurer gave written notice to the ERA to undertake the inquiry on 8 October 2014. The Terms of Reference from the Treasurer required the ERA to look for ways to improve the Western Australian prison system and to provide advice based on economic, market and regulatory principles.

The Final Report outlines 44 specific recommendations aimed at improving a number of areas of the prison system. A key deliverable of the Inquiry has been the development of a set of benchmarks to allow comparisons of the performance of individual prisons in Western Australia. To assist the implementation of these benchmarks, the ERA has also published a supplementary Prison Benchmarking Manual.

The Final Report, as well as the Benchmarking Manual, is available on the [ERA's website](#). A media statement and fact sheet have also been provided on the website.

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