

Strategic Procurement Outlook

Agency:	Department of Corrections
Business Unit:	National Procurement Team (NPT)
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Mission

The Department of Corrections (the Department) was established on 1 October 1995 following reform of the Justice sector. The Department has offices and sites nationwide, with its Head Office in Wellington. Its vision is:

Improving public safety by ensuring sentence compliance and reducing re-offending, through capable staff and effective partnerships.

To improve public safety we will:

- *Ensure Sentence Compliance*
- *Reduce Re-offending*

...and to achieve these priorities we will:

- *Enhance Capability*
- *Strengthen Partnerships*

*Kotahi ano te Kaupapa;
Ko te orange o te iwi*

(There is only one purpose to our work; it is the wellness and wellbeing of the people)

To succeed overall we must succeed for Maori offenders.

Policies and Programmes

The Department's Strategic Business Plan 2008-2013 outlines what is important over the next five year and sets priorities for what the Department will do and how it will improve public safety. The plan sets out a high level direction for how the Department will deliver its outcomes. Supporting the Strategic Business Plan will be the Maori Strategic Plan and the Pacific Strategic Plan and a number of operational strategies.

The Department administers the New Zealand corrections system to improve public safety. The Department:

- manages offenders on community based sentences and orders
- manages prisoners on remand and prisoners serving

custodial sentences

- provides rehabilitation services to help offenders address and resolve the causes of their offending
- provides re-integrative programmes and services to help offenders reintegrate into society
- manages a number of internal services, employment and training activities, including the Release to Work programme that assists offenders to gain skilled work on release.
- provides courts with detailed reports and information on offenders to assist judges in making sentencing decisions
- provides administrative services to the New Zealand Parole Board as well as information to help them decide whether prisoners should be released, when and under what conditions
- takes enforcement action when offenders serving a sentence or order in the community do not comply with the conditions of that sentence or order
- notifies victims of crime, who are referred by the New Zealand Police, of specific events listed in the Victims Rights Act 2002.

The Department aspires to achieve the following five departmental end outcomes:

- compliance with sentences and orders is ensured
- reduce re-offending
- victims of crime are supported
- offenders are managed safely and humanely
- sentence options are used effectively.

Strategic Environment for the Department.

The key environmental trends affecting the Department are:

- continued growth in the offender population, especially amongst young Maori and Pacific population groups
- continued Growth in the Rate of Violent Crime ,especially amongst young offenders, despite overall crime rates reducing over the past eight years
- crime and justice issues remain a key concern for the public
- pressure on the justice sector to work together to reduce offending
- ongoing changes to community-based sentences and the management of community-based offenders and those on parole which has significant impact on both the volume and type of work the department does
- a tighter fiscal environment within the public sector
- a tighter labour market where it is difficult to recruit and retain skilled staff.

Strategic Procurement Outlook

Currently, the Department's purchasing activity is largely decentralised, with individual Groups and Services managing provision of specific goods or services. Over time it is anticipated that the Department's National Procurement Team (NPT) will take a more active role in this process.

The NPT is being embedded as the owner of the Department's end to end procurement process, ensuring co-ordination of procurement activity. This will include the NPT progressively co-ordinating many pan Departmental supply contracts, ensuring that these deliver overall value to the Department.

The NPT will also provide advice, assistance and guidance to Groups and Services conducting their own procurement processes for specialist items.

The majority of procurement activity throughout the Department is being managed and supported using the Department's e-procurement system and the Accounts Payable function has been centralised.

Additional Agency Information

Total Number of Employees	6,900 (approximately)
Head Office Location	<p>Mayfair House 44-52 The Terrace WELLINGTON</p> <p>Private Box 1206 WELLINGTON</p>
Location of other Offices	<p>The Department operates from approximately 200 locations nationwide and operates 20 prisons.</p> <p>As at 31 March 2010, the Department's prisoner population was 8469.</p> <p>As at 31 March 2010, the Department administered 45,496 Community Sentences and Orders.</p> <p>The Department has approximately 150 Community Probation and Psychological Services offices around New Zealand.</p> <p>Further information on the Department, its locations and its services can be found on the Department's web site: http://www.corrections.govt.nz</p>