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Re: Consultation on the proposed Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Regulation 2014.

The Association has considered the public consultation draft and makes the following submission for consideration.

Part 2 / Division 2/ 8

This section only recognizes property that is returnable on reception. It is often the case that property is also returnable by police after conviction and at the lapse of the appeal period. We believe this circumstance needs to be recognized in the regulation and that such property should be returnable to the inmate at the correctional centre in the same manner as if it was available on reception.

In the Association's experience foreign nationals often have foreign currency that is returnable to them. We believe the regulation needs to explicitly allow for this to be accepted by the correctional centre and that there should also be a recognized process for its exchange to Australian dollars and deposit to the inmate's correctional centre account.

Part 2 / Division 2/ 9 / (3)

It is often the case that an inmate will have no trusted individual to whom property can be released. We recommend the inclusion of a "nominated organization" as an alternative for inmates in these circumstances where an organization is able to assist in these circumstances.

Part 2 / Division 2/ 49


The Association is aware of inmates who have had property at various other centres when released. The holding of property at a centre where the inmate is not currently housed causes significant issues, particularly on release. We recommend the regulation provides a time frame for when property must be received at the correctional centre the inmate is held at. Ideally all inmate property should be transferred with the inmate or at least within 7 days of transfer.

General

The draft regulation does not deal with an inmate's ability to transact funds held at a financial institution into their inmate account or any obligation on CSNSW to facilitate such transfers. We recommend the regulation recognizes the need for such transactions and provides a minimum level of service access. (i.e fortnightly)

Your consideration of this submission is appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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