Short term (one year) Prison Population Forecast
September 2016

FORECAST TOTAL PRISON POPULATION IS GRADUALLY INCREASING, AS A RESULT OF A CONTINUING INCREASE IN REMAND POPULATION, AND A LONG TERM INCREASE IN SENTENCED POPULATION

Commentary
Forecast prison population is gradually increasing
- This forecast is very similar in total to the previous (May 2016) short term forecast.
- The remand population is rising, driven mainly by increased inflow since the introduction of the Bail Amendment Act (2013) and also recently by an increased focus on family violence, including a decision to maintain more serious charges, resulting in a higher proportion of cases involving remand.
- The rate of increase in remand inflow is expected to slow down, therefore this forecast lower than the previous remand population forecast.
- The increase in remand numbers is flowing through to the sentenced population. Since people are spending longer in remand, the proportion of time spent as a sentenced prisoner has dropped.

Remand starts continue to increase and remand time remains steady
- Since early 2015 the number of remand starts has risen from around 1,000 per month to over 1,100 per month.
- The increase in remand starts is driven by an increase in serious family violence charges*, while overall violence charges remain unchanged.
- Average time on remand has been steady since early 2015, following earlier increases.

Actual and forecast with confidence interval

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<th>As at end of</th>
<th>Remand</th>
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<th>Total</th>
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* Serious charges are charges that may result in more than 2 years maximum prison sentence, particularly "injury causing" offences.