Adult Custodial Rule 6
Association of Male and Female Prisoners

Legislation referred to:  *Prisons Act 1981* s 44

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1. **Separation of male and female prisoners**
   1.1 Male and female prisoners must be assigned separate sleeping quarters or cells.
   1.2 Male and female prisoners may be carried in the same escort vehicle, but must be separated.

2. **Supervision**
   2.1 Male and female prisoners engaging in activity programs under s 83 of the *Prisons Act 1981* may be supervised by officers of either gender. Where the s 83 activity is a work camp activity, then officers stationed at the work camp must be of the same gender as the prisoners.
   2.2 Muster checks of male and female prisoners may be integrated and conducted by officers of either gender.
   2.3 Male and female prisoners housed in the same facility may be supervised during their normal daily routine by officers of either gender, in accordance with the following provisions:
      
      a) male officers may only enter female ablutions facilities and female officers may only enter male ablutions facilities strictly in accordance with the officers’ duties
      
      b) medical parades may be integrated, however female prisoners must be examined and treated separately from male prisoners
      
      c) prison dining rooms, recreation areas, work areas and visiting areas may be integrated, except where the Designated Superintendent directs otherwise, and
      
      d) the Designated Superintendent may authorise both male and female prisoners to be seen as a group by an officer for attendance at prisoner programs. Prior consultation with the program provider should occur as program outcomes maybe affected by the gender composition of the group.
3. **Approved**

Rule made pursuant to s 35 of the *Prisons Act 1981* by the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Corrective Services with the approval of the Minister.

Commissioner:

Minister:

Date: 13 May 2001