



# Policy Directive 78

## Parole

**Relevant Instruments:** [ARMS Manual](#)  
[Crimes Act 1914](#) (Cth)  
[Prisons Act 1981](#)  
[Policy Directive 32 – Prisoners At Risk of Self Harm](#)  
[Sentence Administration Act 2003](#)  
[Sentence Management Manual](#)

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### 1. Purpose

Parole is the release of a prisoner from prison to serve part of their sentence in the community in order to assist in their transition from prison to society. The purpose of this Policy is to provide clear guidance for prison staff to assist in the timely completion of reports for the Prisoners Review Board (PRB) and/or Commonwealth Attorney-General.

### 2. Policy

This policy provides direction in the reporting required to ensure prisoners eligible for parole are considered by the PRB (or in the case of Commonwealth Parole, by the Commonwealth Attorney-General) in a timely manner.

[Policy Directive 78 – Parole – Procedures](#) applies to all sentenced prisoners (State or Federal) with an Earliest Eligibility Date (EED) or Statutory Review Date (SRD) as indicated on their sentence summary sheet.

### 3. Scope

This Policy Directive applies to all public and private prisons and is to be applied with reference to all relevant legislation.

## 4. Appendices

[Policy Directive 78 – Procedures](#)

[Appendix 1 – Prisoner request for a review of a decision of the Board](#)

[Appendix 2 – Prisoner refusal to be released on parole](#)

## 5. Policy review

This policy is to be reviewed on a biennial basis. Procedures to this policy may be amended by the Deputy Commissioner Adult Custodial as necessary to reflect changes to prison processes.

Appendices 1 and 2, approved by the Prisoners Review Board, may be amended by the Prisoners Review Board as necessary.

## 6. Approved

Commissioner:

Signature:



Date: 6 March 2014

## 7. Policy sponsor

Deputy Commissioner Adult Custodial

## 8. Contact person

The following persons may be approached on a routine basis in relation to this policy:

Manager, Release Planning (State Parole)

Coordinator, Commonwealth Parole and Interstate Transfers (Commonwealth Parole)

Principal Operational Policy Officer

## 9. Amendment history

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1. First published <sup>1</sup>	10 May 2012	10 May 2012
2. Reviewed – Policy and Procedures separated	6 March 2014	26 March 2014

<sup>1</sup> Parole previously provided for in AC Rule 18 – Assessment and Sentence Management of Prisoners