

TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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Funding to reduce reoffending

The State Government is investing almost \$30 million over four years in a range of measures designed to realise its target of a 10 per cent reduction in reoffending by 2020.

In addition, the 2017-18 Budget provides \$1.3 million in 2017-18, and \$12 million per annum in the following years, to operate 160 additional beds currently being constructed at Mount Gambier Prison.

Background

In mid-2016 the State Government set a target of reducing reoffending by 10 per cent by 2020, and it appointed an independent panel to provide advice on meeting the target.

The State Government's Reducing Reoffending: 10 per cent by 2020 strategy and the Independent Panel's report can be found at:
<https://www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/yoursay-engagements-10by20sa/about>

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

As a Government, it is our duty to keep the community safe and provide police and the prison system with the resources they need.

But crime prevention is also about reducing rates of reoffending, which is why the State Government will be announcing a range of measures designed to reduce reoffending by 10 per cent by 2020.

Quotes attributable to Correctional Services Minister Peter Malinauskas

The State Government has both short and long-term strategies in place to respond to the rising prison population. In the short term, we are investing in additional infrastructure and operating costs so that we have beds available as they are required.

Long term, the Government is committed to reducing reoffending so we see less people returning to prison. In the coming weeks, we will be releasing our strategy to achieve the target of a 10 per cent reduction in reoffending by 2020.

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