



Announcement of inspection of Shortland Correctional Centre and Cessnock Correctional Centre

The Inspector of Custodial Services will carry out an inspection of Shortland Correctional Centre and Cessnock Correctional Centre in March 2023.

Shortland Correctional Centre is a maximum security facility for reception, remand and sentenced male inmates. It can accommodate up to 616 inmates. Cessnock Correctional Centre is a medium and minimum security facility for remand and sentenced male inmates. It can accommodate up to 675 inmates.

Both centres are located on the Cessnock Correctional Complex, along with Hunter Correctional Centre, 151km north-west of Sydney.

The Inspection will consider the two correctional centres with reference to the Inspector of Custodial Services' *Inspection standards for adult custodial services in New South Wales* in conjunction with other relevant standards, legislation, policies and procedures. In particular, the inspection will examine:

- a. custodial conditions, including safety and security;
- b. the treatment, care, and well-being of inmates;
- c. the rehabilitation of inmates, including programs, education, employment, and preparation of release; and
- d. resources and systems, including the staffing and management of each correctional centre.

The Inspector of Custodial Services may consider any other relevant matters in the course of this inspection.