Corrections Victoria has established a range of rigorous systems and processes to support the operation of the parole system.

To help ensure the parole system is as effective as possible, Corrections Victoria also has monitoring and review processes, which help it anticipate and manage issues that might arise and provide capacity for future system development.

As part of this framework, Corrections Victoria’s main internal regulatory groups for parole are the:

- Parole Central Unit
- Sex Offender Management Branch
- Offender Management Development Branch.

These distinct units deliver complementary, inter-related functions and work together to manage and oversee a range of functions such as case management, coordination, risk assessment, quality assurance and parole system integrity.

**Parole Central Unit**

The Parole Central Unit monitors the performance and integrity of the overall parole system. It oversees the parole application and assessment process, works to identify and address issues, and ensures systematic improvement is made across the operation of the system.

It also acts as a single point of contact with Victoria’s public and private prisons, Corrections Victoria Intelligence Unit and external stakeholders such as the Adult Parole Board and Victoria Police.

**Sex Offender Management Branch**

The Sex Offender Management Branch ensures sex offenders are identified, assessed, treated and managed in a manner consistent with the risk of sexual re-offending they pose. This management is with regard to the scrutiny that will be applied when Corrections Victoria seeks a post-sentence order from the courts, and by the Adult Parole Board in relation to parole matters.

The Branch provides high-level technical oversight to staff who manage these offenders on parole and quality assurance of offender management practices for sex offenders within a Specialist Case Management Model. This is a model specifically developed to manage serious sex offenders in Victoria.

**Offender Management Development Branch**

The Offender Management Development Branch manages the integrity of the LS/RNR risk assessment tool (see the Assessing the Risk of Reoffending fact sheet for information on the LS/RNR), which is used by Corrections Victoria to determine the general risk of reoffending by prisoners and offenders.

The Branch ensures the integrity of case management practices in prisons and Community Correctional Services and provides for the professional development of staff within the dedicated parole stream. It is also responsible for ongoing oversight and the development of offender management practices. This includes monitoring offender management standards to ensure best practice.

**Commissioner’s Requirements and Deputy Commissioner’s Instructions**

Commissioner’s Requirements and Deputy Commissioner’s Instructions are the operating procedures, which set out Corrections Victoria’s minimum standards with regard to the operation of prisons and Community Correctional Services.

These instructions are an important means of ensuring Victoria’s corrections system operates consistently. They are updated as required to reflect changing needs and objectives.

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