



Criminal Justice Act 1991

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PART IV

PROVISION OF SERVICES

Contracted out prisons

86 Powers and duties of prisoner custody officers employed at contracted out prisons

- (1) A prisoner custody officer performing custodial duties at a contracted out prison shall have the following powers, namely—
 - (a) to search in accordance with prison rules any prisoner who is confined in the prison; and
 - (b) to search any other person who is in or is seeking to enter the prison, and any article in the possession of such a person.
- (2) The powers conferred by subsection (1)(b) above to search a person shall not be construed as authorising a prisoner custody officer to require a person to remove any of his clothing other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves.
- (3) A prisoner custody officer performing custodial duties at a contracted out prison shall have the following duties as respects prisoners confined in the prison, namely—
 - (a) to prevent their escape from lawful custody;
 - (b) to prevent, or detect and report on, the commission or attempted commission by them of other unlawful acts;
 - (c) to ensure good order and discipline on their part; and
 - (d) to attend to their wellbeing.
- (4) The powers conferred by subsection (1) above, and the powers arising by virtue of subsection (3) above, shall include power to use reasonable force where necessary.