

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **\$3.3 BILLION INVESTMENT IN OFFENDER MANAGEMENT**

The NSW Government will invest more than \$3.3 billion in the 2017-18 Budget for the management and rehabilitation of adult and juvenile offenders including a new Supermax-style unit for high-risk inmates and additional training for frontline Juvenile Justice staff.

A total of \$47 million over three years will be spent combating violent extremism, including a new high-security unit at Goulburn Correctional Centre, upgrading the existing Supermax, improving intelligence gathering and establishing a Counter Terrorism Unit.

Minister for Counter Terrorism and Minister for Corrections David Elliott said the investment would support a number of initiatives to improve community safety, including legislation to provide for the continued detention of high-risk terror offenders.

“Community protection is paramount and this \$3.3 billion investment builds on the great work done by law enforcement agencies by better managing and rehabilitating all offenders to reduce their risk of reoffending,” Mr Elliott said.

The 2017-18 Budget continues the Government’s \$3.8 billion prison infrastructure program that commenced in 2016-17 and the \$237 million investment in rehabilitation services to support a commitment to reduce adult reoffending by 5 per cent.

Highlights of the 2017-18 Budget include:

- \$27 million to combat radicalisation in the NSW prison system
- \$62 million to reduce adult reoffending
- \$127 million to continue construction of 400-bed rapid build prisons at Cessnock and Wellington
- \$104 million to continue construction of 650-bed expansion of Parklea Correctional Centre
- \$4.8million to expand the Youth on Track early intervention scheme

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