

The information recorded in biometric scanning systems is securely held in the Agency's computer system. Only authorised staff members are permitted to access the computer system and staff use of the system is monitored for audit purposes. The Agency manages its information systems in accordance with information Standard 18 – Information Security.

Information collected in relation to visitors, including biometric information, is confidential information and the use of such information is controlled by section 341 Corrective Services Act 2006. A breach of confidentiality by unauthorised disclosure of information is an offence punishable by up to two years imprisonment.

In relation to privately operated correctional centres, Borallon Correctional Centre already uses biometric scanning for visitors, and Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre will have biometric scanning facilities by early 2008. As part of the contracts governing the operation of these correctional centres, the operators are required to comply with directions from the Agency in relation to information privacy and must also comply with the Information Privacy Principles. The operators appointed at each correctional centre were selected through a rigorous tendering process. They will be subject to regular audits and monitoring to ensure they comply with the terms of the contract including the security of information systems. *it's already operational, but no audits.* ?

Should you require any further information, please contact Mr Tom Humphreys, Director, Policy and Legislation on telephone (07) 3239 3838 or email Tom.Humphreys@correctiveservices.qld.gov.au.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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