

Multi-Faith Issues:

The Queensland Corrective Services department is required under the Corrective Services Act 2006 to, “establish programs or services ... for the medical or religious welfare of prisoners.” Anti-discrimination legislation requires this to be applied to prisoners of all religious persuasions in a non-discriminatory manner. Further, it is the expressed desire of Queensland Corrective Services that the State Chaplaincy Board be their only reference point in relation to religious matters regardless of particular faith concerned.

It is the policy of the State Chaplaincy Board, therefore, is that,

1. The Board endeavours to embrace within its membership sufficient skills, understanding and personnel to fulfil its multi-faith obligations.
2. The Board develop guidelines for;
 - The appointment of religious visitors in Correctional Centres;
 - The appropriate handling of prisoners of various faiths by correctional officers
 - The religious requirements of prisoners of various faiths with respect to holy writings, religious articles, and diet.
3. The Board actively seek, and receive approaches from all religions in regard to the religious welfare of prisoners, and that the Board processes such enquiries in a non-discriminatory manner, having regard always to the requirements of Queensland Corrective Services.
4. The Board actively seek and receive applications from persons approved by such religious bodies for the role of chaplain at correctional centres, and that the Board processes such applications in a non-discriminatory manner, having regard always to the requirements of Queensland Corrective Services.