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To: Bodden, Deborah
Cc: Atherley, Stephen; McDonald, Alton; Dinspel-Powell, Kathryn; Scott, Dwight
Subject: Indoor Smoke Free Policy - Prison

Dear Ms. Bodden,

Life in prison is potentially stressful and smoking can be seen to offer respite from these stresses. Sharing tobacco among inmates and smoking together, can give a sense of being part of a group. This means that adopting a potentially isolating behaviour, such as not smoking or not wanting to be exposed to tobacco smoke, can be difficult.

For these reasons HMCIPS is committed to properly introducing a smoking reduction policy which applies multiple targeted strategies to change attitudes to smoking and encourage smoking cessation. The implementation of an Indoor Smoke Free Policy will begin in full from January 1, 2013 and a pilot period for this implementation will take place from September 2012– December 2012.

Education and communication are key components of a smoking reduction strategy. Education about the hazards of smoking and the benefits of quitting is a necessary and effective tool to encourage individuals to quit. Communication about the policy is essential to ensure that it is effectively implemented and to maintain the safety and good order of the facility.

The education and communication strategies will aim to:

- Provide inmates with clear information about the Policy and the Implementation Plan.
- Provide inmates with clear information about the hazards of smoking, the benefits of quitting and options to access cessation support.
- Human Rights of non-smokers
- The legal issues and the Tobacco Law of 2008

To this end the Prison is requesting that a member from the Human Rights Commission to attend briefing meetings for inmates to inform on the rights of non-smokers.

The exact dates are not available now but Mr. Stephen Atherley (Implementation Committee Chair) who is reading in on this email will provide exact dates.

Please find attached the policy and the questionnaire that was administered to staff and inmates.

The Prison looks forward to working with the Human Rights Commission.

Best regards,

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"I was born free as Caesar; so were you." ~ William Shakespeare

"Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world."

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