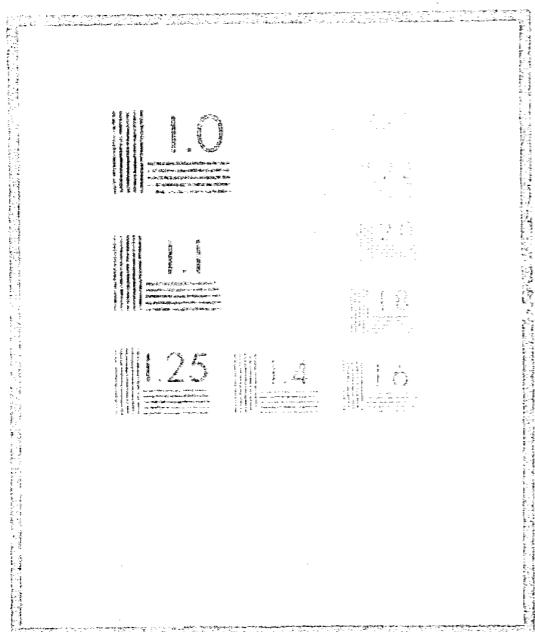


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Ek het die eer om 'n verslag oor die werksaamhede van die Departement vir die jaar geëindig 30 Junie 1976 aan u voor te lê.

W. M. DU PREEZ (Generaal)
Kommissaris van Gevangenis

30 April 1977

THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF PRISONS

I have the honour to submit a report on the activities of the Department for the year ended 30 June 1976.

W. M. DU PREEZ (General)
Commissioner of Prisons

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INLEIDING

Die Departement het gedurende die verslagjaar van twee Kommissaris afseid geneem. Generaal J. C. Steyn het op 30 November 1975 uit die diens getree en is opgevolg deur generaal M. J. Nel wat op 30 Junie 1976 uit die diens getree het. Beide het gedurende hul dienstydperk deur toegewye diens en bekwame leiding 'n betekenisvolle bydrae gelewer tot die voortgesette ontwikkeling van die Departement.

'n Aangeleentheid wat steeds kommer wek en waaraan veral aandag verleen is, is die hoë personeelomset. As gevolg hiervan bestaan 'n groot deel van die personeelkorps uit jong en onervare lede. Om hierdie tendens te beperk is verskerpte pogings aangewend om personeelstandighede te verbeter en personeelvoorsiening en ontwikkeling op 'n gesonder grondslag te plaas.

Hierdie benadering is deurgaans met alle personeel gevolg. Die eerste groep Swart vroue het gedurende die eerste helfte van 1976 'n basiese opleidingskursus met sukses voltooi. 'n Kursus om senior Swart personeel vir groter verantwoordelikhede te bekwaam, is van 21 Julie 1975 tot 30 Oktober 1975 vir hulle aangebied met die oog op hul ontwikkeling as beheerpersoneel op die middel- en bestuursvlak. Daarbenevens is die ontwikkeling van hierdie personeel ook ingestel op behoeftes wat noodwendig mettertyd sal ontstaan met die ontplooiing van die staatkundige patroon van afsonderlike onafhanklike gebiede vir die onderskeie volksgroepe.

Met die oog op die onafhanklikwording van Transkei is gedurende die verslagjaar 'n verdere vyf gevangeenis aan die Transkeise Regering oorgedra, wat die totaal op 22 te staan gebring het. Terselfdertyd is sewe gevangeisisse in kwaZulu onder die beheer geplaas van opgeleide Swart personeel.

Na aanleiding van die oproep tot besparing is heelwat aktiwiteite met inbegrip van, bouprojekte en reclameprogramme ingekort, dog sonder om doeltreffendheid onnodig in te boet. In hierdie besparingspoging het die personeel die nodige samewerking gegee.

Ooreenkomsdig die bepalings van die Wet op Geestesgesondheid, 1973 (Wet 18 van 1973), is die eerste hospitaalgevangenis vir gesertifiseerde psigopatiese oortreders gedurende Mei 1976 in gebruik geneem. As die eerste in sy soort in Suid-Afrika is hierdie unieke projek egter nog in sy beginstadium, en veel navorsing nog gedoen moet word ten einde effektiewe behandelingsmetodes vir hierdie groep oortreders te ontwikkel.

Daar is veral kommer oor die toenemende getal gevangeies wat langtermynvonnisse opgelê word en waarvan die kumulatiewe effek met betrekking tot die daagliks gemiddelde gevangeenisbevolking duidelik waarneembaar is.

Die nadelige gevolge van misdaad en die uitgawes verbonden aan die bekamping daarvan is van so 'n ingrypende aard dat 'n nasionale aktie ter voorkoming van misdaad 'n dringende prioriteit geword het. Voorcoming van misdaad is so 'n uiters aktuele saak dat dit noodsaklik is dat algemene gemeenskapsbewustheid en -betrokkenheid ontwikkel word.

1. FINANSIEEL.

1.1 Begroting van uitgawes.

Die Departement se begroting ten opsigte van uitgawes word in Tabel 1, pagina 20, uiteengesit.

In die geheel gesien was daar weer, soos in die verlede, 'n styging in die Departement se uitgawes. Die

INTRODUCTION

The Department bade farewell to two Commissioners during the year under review. General J. C. Steyn retired from the Service on 30 November 1975 and was succeeded by General M. J. Nel, who retired from the Service on 30 June 1976. Through their dedicated service and capable leadership, both made a significant contribution towards the continued development of the Department during their periods of service.

A matter which is still causing concern and to which much attention was devoted is the high personnel turnover. As a result of this, the personnel corps consists mainly of young and inexperienced members. In order to curb this tendency, efforts to improve personnel conditions and to obtain and develop personnel more effectively were intensified.

This approach was followed throughout with all personnel. The first group of black women successfully completed a basic training course during the first half of 1976. A course to equip senior Black personnel for greater responsibility was arranged for the period 21 July 1975 to 30 October 1975, with a view to their development as control personnel at middle and managerial level. In addition, the development of these personnel was aimed at the needs which will inevitably arise as the political pattern of separate independent territories for the various population groups evolves.

With a view to the independence of Transkei, a further five prisons were transferred to the Transkeian Government during the year under review, bringing the total to 22. At the same time, seven prisons in kwaZulu were placed under the control of trained Black personnel.

In response to the call to economise, a considerable number of activities, including building projects and publicity programmes, were curtailed, without, however, unnecessarily sacrificing efficiency. The personnel gave the necessary co-operation in this economy drive.

In accordance with the provisions of the Mental Health Act, 1973 (Act 18 of 1973), the first hospital prison for certified psychopathic offenders was commissioned during May 1976. The first of its kind in South Africa, this unique project is still in its infancy and much research will have to be done to develop effective methods of treatment for this group of offenders.

There is particular concern about the increasing number of prisoners on whom long-term sentences are imposed and whose cumulative effect on the daily average prison population is only too evident.

So far-reaching are the detrimental effects of crime and the expenditure involved in combating it that a national campaign for the prevention of crime has become an urgent priority. Prevention of crime is a matter of such crucial importance that it is essential to engender general community awareness and involvement in this regard.

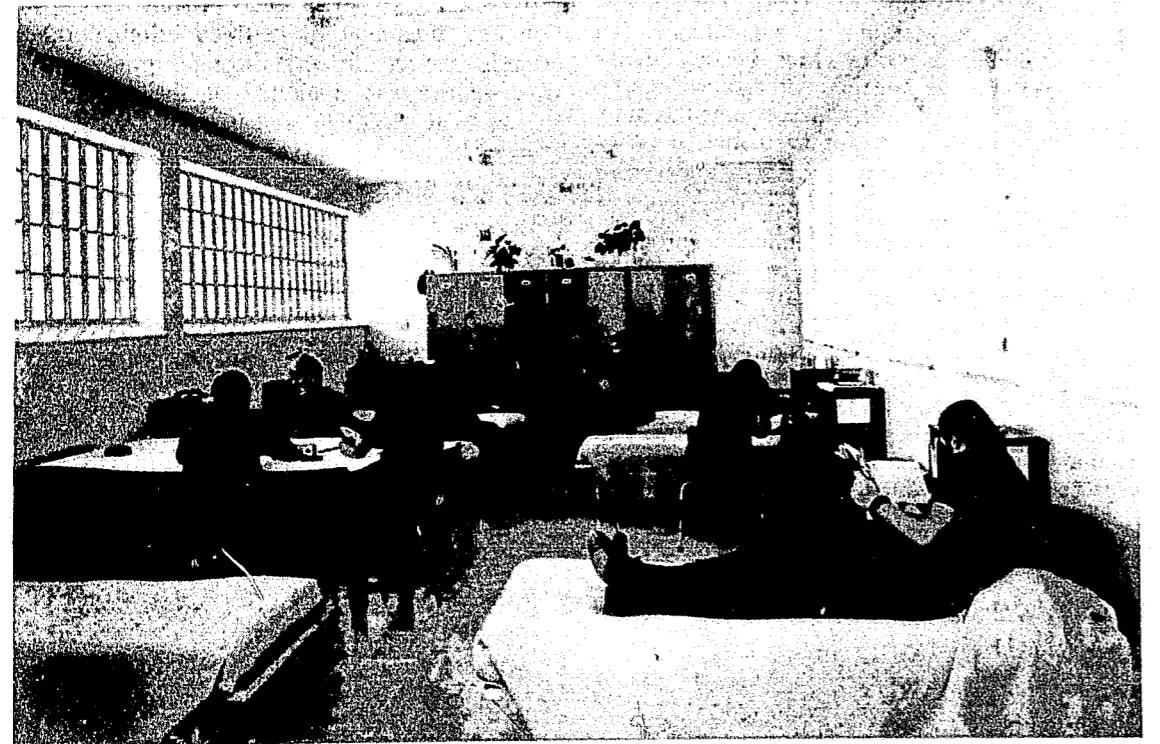
1. FINANCIAL.

1.1 Estimates of expenditure.

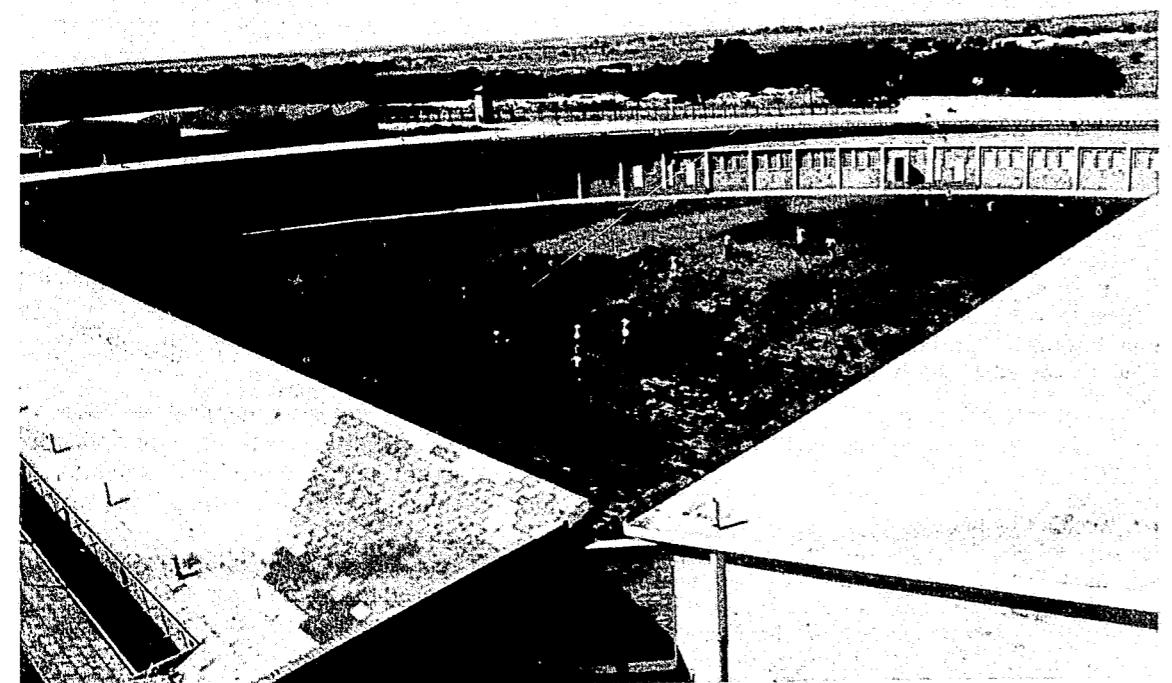
The Department's budget in respect of expenditure is set out in Table 1, p. 20.

Taken as a whole, there was, as in the past, an increase in the Department's expenditure. This was





Gevangenes ontspan in een van die selle van die Hospitaalgevangenis vir Psigopate te Zonderwater
Prisoners relaxing in one of the cells of the Hospital Prison for Psychopaths at Zonderwater



Binnenkant die Hospitaalgevangenis vir Psigopate
Inside the Hospital Prison for Psychopaths

Veral die bewakingspersoneel lever hier 'n besonder belangrike bydrae. Ten einde die personeel vir hul taak in die hospitaalgevangenis te oriënteer, is al die personeel (professioneel / vakkundig / psigiatries / ambags personeel en bewakingspersoneel) gedurende Januarie/Februarie 1976 aan 'n intensiewe opleidingskursus van ses weke onderwerp.

Toelating tot die hospitaalgevangenis kan geskied via die hof of uit 'n gewone gevangenis. In beide gevalle moet 'n oortreder egter deur twee geneeshere (waarvan een 'n psigiatrist moet wees) as 'n psigopaat ooreenkomsdig die bepalings van die Wet op Geestesgesondheid, 1973 (Wet 18 van 1973), gesertifiseer word, waarna 'n lasbrief vir aanhouding in 'n hospitaalgevangenis deur die Minister van Gevangenisse op aanbeveling van die Sekretaris van Gesondheid uitgereik word.

Dit is 'n welbekende feit dat die behandeling van psigopate 'n uiter moeilike en langdurige proses is en dat daar tot dusver geen sprake van genesing in die mediese sin van die woord is nie. Ervaring en ondersoek in die buitenland het egter getoon dat 'n persentasie van hierdie kategorie van oortreders deur middel van soortgelyke spesiale behandelingsprogramme in so 'n mate gesosialiseer kan word dat hulle wel in die gemeenskap kan inpas.

Aangesien hierdie projek nog in die beginstadium in Suid-Afrika is, is daar heelwat navorsing wat nog gedoen moet word veral met die oog op die ontwikkeling van 'n eie effektiewe behandelingsprogram.

4.2 Veilige bewaking.

Gedurende die afgelope verslagjaar was daar 2 339 onvlugtings en 14,7 persent daarvan was uit gevangenisse. As die daagliks gemiddelde gevangenisbevolking op 94 861 gestel word, beteken dit 'n globale onvlugtingsyster van slegs 0,0067 persent. Om onvlugtings doeltreffender te bekamp, is 'n seksie "Veilige Bewaking" ingestel met die identifisering van aanleidende faktore sowel as die bekamping daarvan as primêre taak.

4.3 Tandheelkundige dienste vir gevangenes.

Waar tandheelkundige dienste vir gevangenes voorheen deur private tandartse behartig is, is 'n nuwe stelsel aan die einde van hierdie verslagjaar ingestel waarvolgens voltydse en/of deeltydse staatstandartse verbonde aan die Departement van Gesondheid begin het om tandheelkundige dienste in groter sentra te lewer. Hierdeur word nou 'n omvatter en vollediger diens as in die verlede moontlik gemaak. Slegs die vervaardiging of herstel van kunsgebitte word nog by tandtegniese laboratoriums gedoen. Alhoewel hierdie diens nog nie by alle gevangenisse ingestel is nie, is beplanning en uitbreiding steeds aan die gang en sal alle kommandemente uiteindelik bedien word.

5. GESPESIALISEERDE BEHANDELING.

Naas die veilige bewaring van gevangenes, is dit ook die taak van die Departement om, sover doenlik, die behandeling op veroordeelde gevangenes toe te pas, wat tot hulle verbetering en rehabilitasie kan lei.

5.1 Opvoedkundige dienste.

5.1.1 Algemeen.

Gedurende die verslagjaar het daar altesam 304 gevangenes akademiese en tegniese eksamens afgelê (op skool- en naskoolse vlak), en 'n slaagpersentasie van 57 persent is behaal. Altesam 69 gevangenes het volwaardige sertifikate behaal.

The custodial personnel in particular make an extremely important contribution in this connection. In order to orientate the personnel for their task in the hospital prison, all the personnel (professional/psychiatric/artisan and custodial) were subjected to an intensive training course of six weeks during January/February 1976.

Admission to the hospital prison can take place via the court or from an ordinary prison. In both cases, however, an offender must be certified by two medical practitioners (one of whom must be a psychiatrist) as a psychopath in terms of the Mental Health Act, 1973 (Act 18 of 1973), after which a warrant for detention in a hospital prison is issued by the Minister of Prisons on the recommendation of the Secretary for Health.

It is a well-known fact that the treatment of psychopaths is an extremely difficult and protracted process and that to date there is no question of any cure in the medical sense. Experience and investigation overseas have shown, however, that a percentage of this category of offenders can, by means of similar special treatment programmes, be socialised to such a degree that they can adapt to society.

As this project is still in its infancy in South Africa, much research will have to be done, particularly with a view to developing an effective programme of treatment specially designed for this country.

4.2 Safe custody.

During the year under review there were 2 339 escapes, 14,7 per cent of which were from prisons. Taken on the daily average prison population of 94 861, this constitutes an overall escape rate of only 0,0067 per cent. To combat escapes more effectively, a "Safe Custody" section was established, whose primary task is to identify and counter contributory factors.

4.3 Dental services for prisoners.

Whereas in the past dental services for prisoners were rendered by private dentists, a new system was introduced at the end of the year under review by which full-time and/or part-time State dentists attached to the Department of Health started providing dental services at the larger centres. This has made a more comprehensive and complete service than in the past possible. Only the manufacture or repair of dental plates are still done by dental technical laboratories. Although this service has not yet been introduced at all prisons, planning and extension are in progress and all commands will eventually be served.

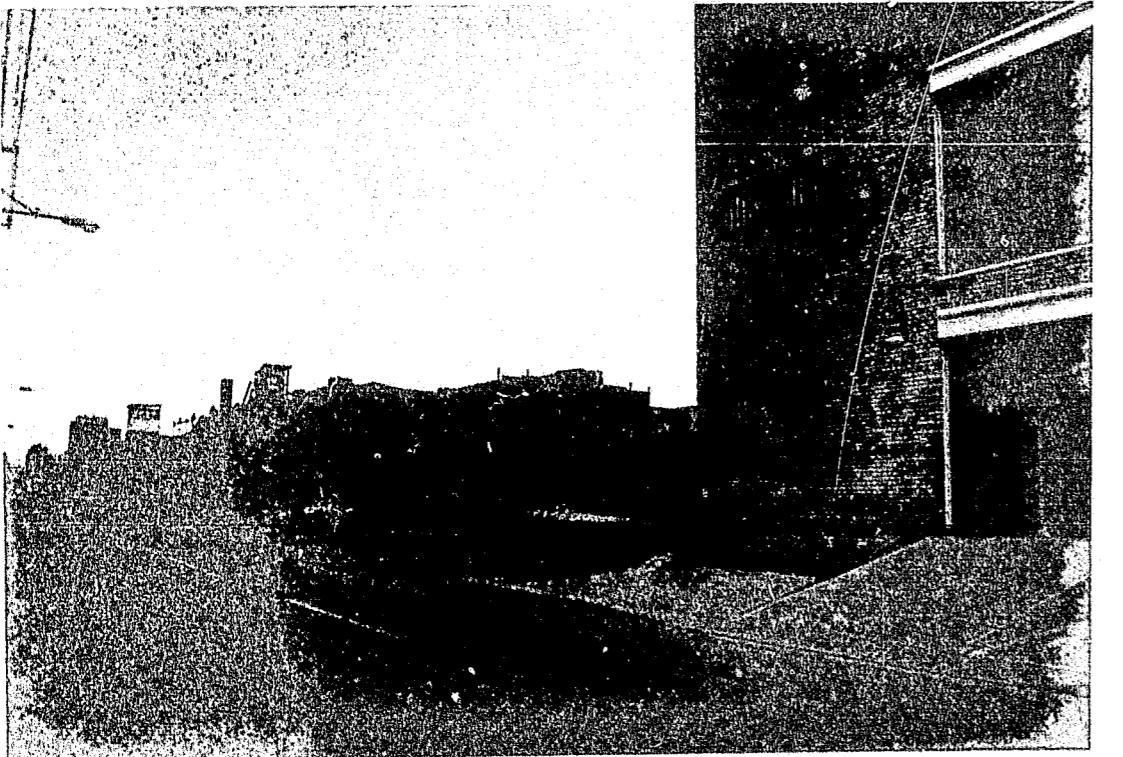
5. SPECIALISED TREATMENT.

Besides the safe custody of prisoners, the Department's function is also to apply, as far as possible, such treatment to convicted prisoners as may lead to their improvement and rehabilitation.

5.1 Educational Services.

5.1.1 General.

During the year under review a total of 304 prisoners sat for academic and technical examinations (at school and post-school level), and the percentage pass was 57 per cent. In all, 69 prisoners obtained full certificates.



Die ou maak plek vir die nuwe (Pretoria Sentrale Gevangenis)
The old makes way for the new (Pretoria Central Prison)

ongeveer 1904 opgerig is en gevoldlik voldoen dit glad nie meer aan hedendaagse higiëne en vloertuimlestandaarde nie.

Die nuwe kompleks sal egter by voltooiing voorsiening maak vir alle noodsaaklike geriewe, en akkommodasie bied aan 749 Blanke mansgevangenes, 1900 Nie-Blanke mansgevangenes, 16 Blanke vrouegevangenes en 369 Nie-Blanke vrouegevangenes.

Daar is gedurende 1971 met die bouwerke 'n aanvang gemaak, en die afdeling vir ongevonniste Nie-Blanke mans is reeds voltooi en in gebruik geneem, terwyl konstruksiewerk aan die res van die kompleks slegs gedeeltelik voltooi is en stuk-stuk in gebruik geneem word.

7.2 Werkwinkels.

7.2.1 Produkswerkwinkels.

Die Departement beskik oor produkswerkwinkels te Zonderwater, Pretoria, Kroonstad, Witbank, Leeukop, Victor Verster en Windhoek, waar gekwalifiseerde ambagslui aan gevangenes van verskillende rasse opleiding in die volgende rigtings gee:

Meubelmakery, skrynwerk, polering, houtbewerking, pass- en draaiwerk, swiswerk, plaatmetaalwerk, vormgierty, grofsmidwerk, motorwerktuigkunde, skilderwerk, kleremakery, skoenmakery, rottangwerk, matmakery, ens. Hierdie werkewinkels voldoen aan die vereistes van die Wet op Fabrieke, Masjinerie en Bouwerk, 1941 (Wet 22 van 1941).

Die nuwe produkswerkwinkels te Zonderwatergevangenis waarvan in die vorige verslag melding gemaak is, het in die huidige verslagjaar tot volle produksie

plex, in its present form, was erected in approximately 1904 and it therefore no longer conforms to present-day standards of hygiene and floorspace.

On completion the new complex will, however, have all the essential facilities, and will provide accommodation for 749 White male prisoners, 16 White female prisoners, 1900 Non-White male prisoners and 369 Non-White female prisoners.

Building operations were commenced in 1971 and the section for unsentenced Non-White men has been completed and is now in use, while construction work on the rest of the complex is only partly completed and is being put into commission piecemeal.

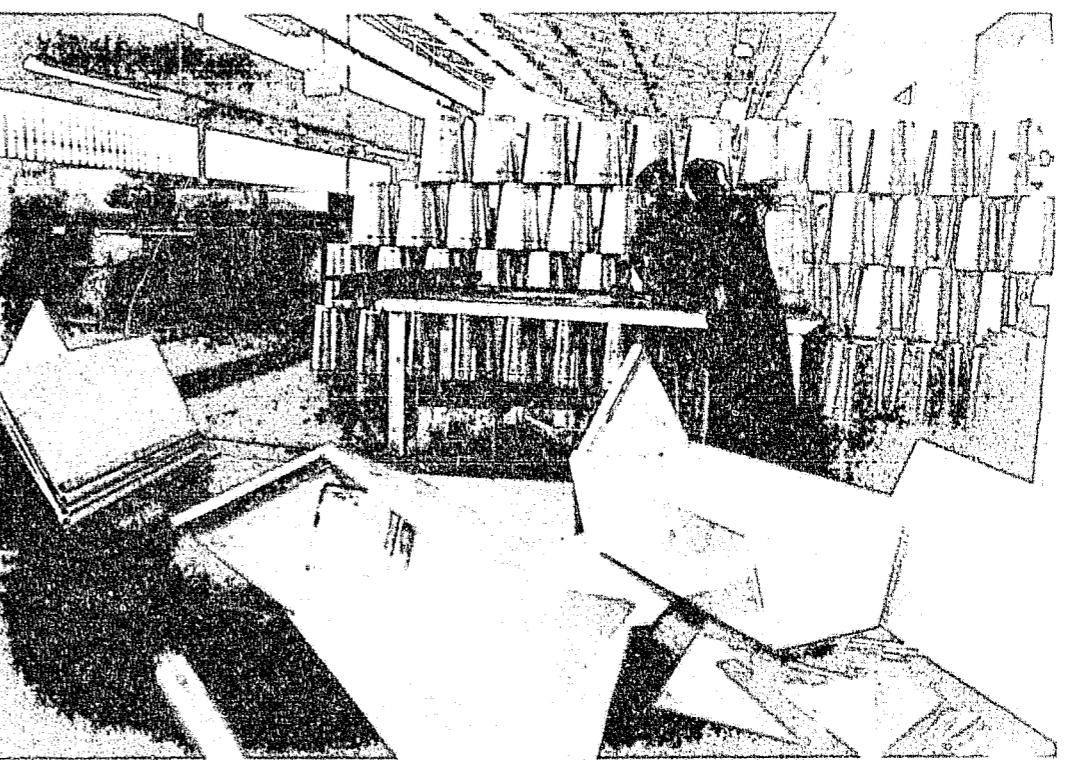
7.2 Workshops.

7.2.1 Production workshops.

The Department has at its disposal production Workshops at Zonderwater, Pretoria, Kroonstad, Witbank, Leeukop, Victor Verster and Windhoek, where prisoners of various races are trained by qualified artisans in the following fields:

Cabinet-making, carpentry, polishing, wood processing, fitting and turning, welding, sheet metal work, moulding, blacksmith work, motor mechanics, painting, tailoring, shoemaking, cane work, mat making, etc. These workshops conform to the requirements of the Factories, Machinery and Building Work Act, 1941 (Act 22 of 1941).

The new production workshops at the Zonderwater Prison, which were mentioned in the previous report, went into full production during the year under review.



Opleiding en produksie in die moderne werkewinkel te Zonderwatergevangenis
Training and production in the modern workshop at the Zonderwater Prison



TABEL/TABLE 19
BOERDERYBEDRYWIGHEDE/FARMING ACTIVITIES

Gevangenisplaas Prison farm	Akker- bou Field hus- bandry	Bok- boer- dery Goat farming	Brai- kuiken- pro- duksie Broiler pro- duction	Eier- pro- duksie Egg pro- duction	Groente- boerdery Vege- table farm- ing	Melk- boerdery Dairy farm- ing	Vark- boerdery Sheep farm- ing	Perd- en muil- telely Horse and mule breeding	Skaap- boerdery Sheep farm- ing	Vleis- bees- boerdery Beef farm- ing	Wyn- druwe Wine grapes	Tabak Tobacco	
Allandale.....													
Barberton.....													
Baviaanspoort.....													
Brandsvlei.....													
Goedmoed.....													
Groenpunt.....													
Grootvlei.....													
Helderstroom.....													
General/J. C. Steyn.....													
Kandaspunt.....													
Leeuwkop.....													
Losperontein.....													
Nigel.....													
Voorberg.....													
Rooggrond.....													
Seventeen.....													
St. Albans.....													
Victor Verster.....													
Waterval.....													
Zonderwater.....													

TABEL/TABLE 20
LEWENDE Hawe OP 30 JUNIE 1976/LIVESTOCK AS AT 30 JUNE 1976

Beeste/Cattle.....	4 558
Skape/Sheep.....	7 000
Varke/Pigs.....	11 564
Perde/Horses.....	238
Muile/Mules.....	78
Pluimvee/Poultry.....	37 484
Wild/Game.....	477
Donkies/Donkeys.....	2
Bokke/Goats.....	428

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Ek wil graag my oopregte waardering uitspreek teenoor die personeel van die Departement van Gevangenis vir waardevolle dienste gelewer gedurende die verslagjaar.

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W. M. DU PREEZ (Generaal), Kommissaris van Gevangenis.

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W. M. DU PREEZ (General), Commissioner of Prisons.

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