Northern Territory Correctional Services will move into a new era with the introduction of an innovative information management system.

Justice Minister Dr Peter Toyne will inspect the Integrated Offender Management System (IOMS) at work in Queensland this week.

“The CAYA review into Adult Custodial Services highlighted that a modern integrated information management system is integral to a modern custodial environment,” Dr Toyne said.

The Martin Government has committed $3.4m over four years to introduce the Integrated Offender Management System (IOMS) into the Territory’s correctional system.

IOMS is a program developed by Queensland Correctional Services and will provide NTCS with a more efficient information and case management system of each individual offender.

This will provide streamlined sentence planning and enhance rehabilitation activities.

A licensing agreement with Queensland has been finalised, and NTCS staff are now working on the logistics of tailoring and implementing IOMS across both Custodial and Community Corrections within the NT.

“NTCS personnel are presently engaged in customisation workshops [expected to be completed in October] to tailor IOMS to suit the Territory’s particular needs,” Dr Toyne said.

“IOMS will provide NTCS with a more coordinated and effective approach to sentence planning, and will fit in with the Integrated Justice Information System also in use by the broader justice agencies, including Police, Courts and NTCS,” Dr Toyne said.

IOMS will be introduced throughout NT correctional facilities – Darwin Correctional Centre, Alice Springs Correctional Centre and Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre – over the next year.

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