



# Supervision that makes a difference



## **Policy course of the Inspectorate of Justice and Security 2020**

The Inspectorate of Justice and Security has now been in existence for five years. In this time, the Inspectorate's supervisory field has expanded to include the entire domain of justice and security. It is not only the Inspectorate as an organisation that is undergoing major change: the department-wide programme 'The Ministry of Justice and Security is changing' (JenV Verandert) and government standpoints on supervision, such as the 'Instructions concerning State Inspectorates' (Aanwijzingen inzake Rijksinspecties), require clarity on the position of supervisory authorities. Furthermore, incidents with strong societal impact are fuelling the public debate about the meaning and role of supervision.

This fifth anniversary is a good moment to look both back and ahead and to consider the policy course for the coming years. In dialogue with its stakeholders, the Inspectorate has determined its course for the coming years.

# Headlines of the policy course 2020

## 1 Promoting learning ability



The supervisory activities of the Inspectorate focus primarily on strengthening the learning ability of the supervised organisations. The Inspectorate here explicitly seeks contact with policymaking and implementing bodies.

The Inspectorate not only examines how tasks are carried out in practice, but also seeks to establish why: the underlying reasons for successes, failings or risks. In order to gain a good picture of an organisation's learning ability, the Inspectorate examines in structural terms whether recommendations from earlier studies have been followed. And if not, then why not?

The Inspectorate encourages good-quality internal studies by the organisations themselves. If organisations also demonstrate that they themselves have a comprehensive quality system, the Inspectorate will adjust the intensity of its own supervision accordingly.

## 2 Focus on chains and networks



Tackling society-related tasks in the domain of justice and security is often the responsibility of more than one organisation. Various organisations then work together in chains (such as the migration or criminal justice chains) or in networks (such as Community Safety Partnerships). Consequently, the Inspectorate also focuses its supervisory activities on these chains and networks – in collaboration with other supervisory bodies where possible. As such, the supervision covers multiple, and often interrelated, topics. Attention is, of course, also given to individual organisations. After all, a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

## 3 Natural role in the investigation of incidents



The domain of justice and security is incident-sensitive. It is important to investigate incidents so that organisations can learn from these. Involvement of the Inspectorate brings added value here.

Within the Custodial Institutions Agency and in the domain of young offenders and care it is already standard practice to report incidents to the Inspectorate. The aim is to introduce this approach to the other domains as well. In this way the Inspectorate is working towards a nationwide picture of incidents within its field of work. For instance, the Inspectorate supervises any risks involved in implementation and it is able to identify trends and the underlying causes.

In specific cases the Inspectorate itself will initiate an incident investigation, for instance in cases of social unrest or structural problems. Incident investigation at the request of a minister or an administrator is also possible.

## 4 Provision of regular overviews



In the coming years the Inspectorate will provide more regular reviews. In these reviews the Inspectorate relates the outcomes of various supervisory activities to opportunities and risks for future operations. In this manner the Inspectorate will put policymakers and implementation organisations in a better position to, if necessary, manage and adjust in good time. A compilation of reviews can create a 'sector status' report, as has already been done with the Disaster Management Status report and the Police Training Report.

# Headlines in facts and numbers

## History



The Inspectorate of Justice and Security was established in January 2012, formed by a merger of the **Inspectorate of Public Order and Safety** and the **Inspectorate for the Implementation of Sanctions**.



In January 2015 the Inspectorate also took on **supervisory tasks relating to the Youth Act**.



Since 2014 the Inspectorate has been **supervising the immigration chain**, including supervision of repatriation.

**The Inspectorate supervises the broad domain of justice and security as well as chains and networks within this domain.**



## Organisatie



The Inspectorate carries out supervision in a broad and diverse field in which more than **120,000 people** are employed.



The Inspectorate forms part of the **Ministry of Justice and Security**.



The Inspectorate itself employs around **100 people**.



The Inspectorate is **independent** in the choice of its investigations, the manner in which these are carried out and the verdicts it arrives at. It is also **transparent** about its modus operandi and it publishes its results.

## Areas of supervision

### Migration:

The Inspectorate supervises task performance within the migration chain.

### Young offenders:

The Inspectorate supervises (justice) institutions within the young offenders chain.



### Implementation of sanctions:

Prisons, forensic psychiatric centres and probation are supervised by the Inspectorate.

### National security:

The Inspectorate examines the performance of tasks by organisations in disaster and crisis management, also in the Caribbean Netherlands, and focuses on (cyber) security.

### Police:

The Inspectorate supervises the functioning of the police and the quality of police training.

## Activities

The Inspectorate conducts a varied range of activities. Here a selection:

- Planned and unannounced investigation
- Incident investigation
- Monitoring deportations
- Evaluating disasters, crises and exercises
- Follow-up for recommendations from previous investigations

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## **Mission of the Inspectorate of Justice and Security**

*The Inspectorate of Justice and Security monitors the domain of justice and security in the interest of society, the parties subject to monitoring and persons politically and administratively responsible, in order to provide insight into the quality of the performance of tasks and the compliance with rules and standards, to detect risks and to stimulate organisations to perform better, thereby contributing to a just and safe society.*

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