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The Irish Prison Service is to be established on a statutory footing under new legislation, including the provision of safe and secure custody, upholding human rights and supporting prisoner rehabilitation. There are also plans to deliver 400 extra prison spaces across four main prisons to alleviate the overcrowding crisis.

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