

**Question No: 161**

**Question: Correctional Services - Katherine Region**

**Date: 22/09/92**

**Member: Mr BAILEY**

**To: MINISTER for CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

1. How many parole officers are employed by the Department of Correctional Services in the Katherine region.
2. Does the Northern Territory government contribute to funding of organisations or individuals based in Katherine who deal with Correctional Service matters; if so, what is the amount per organisation or individual.

**ANSWER**

1. There are 3 parole officers employed by the Department of Correctional Services in the Katherine region. This region extends from Borroloola to Bulman, and Lajamanu to the Western Australia border.

2. On 23 January 1992 the Department of Correctional Services provided the Katherine Alcohol and Drug Association with a 15-seater micro bus to transport their clients from outlying Aboriginal communities into their facilities in Katherine. The bus was excess to the department's requirements and had an estimated value of \$13 500.

The Alcohol Policy Unit, Department of the Chief Minister, provided \$57 000 to King Valley Station to upgrade their facilities for at risk' youth.

The Department of Correctional Services will, over the next 3 months, provide prison labour from Gunn Point Prison Farm to upgrade accommodation, the ablution block and the kitchen area for juveniles participating in the programs at King Valley Station. Mr and Mrs Fordham, the private owners of KingValley Station, are the only approved care givers for the Juvenile Offender Placement Program in the Katherine region. The Juvenile Offender Placement Program provides \$200 a week to care givers while a juvenile is in their care as an alternative to remand in a juvenile detention centre or prison.

All Community Services Order recipients in the Katherine region provide their own supervisors and consequently there is no cost to the Department of Correctional Services.