



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 196

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Corrections, Hon Gerard Maley MLA:

Prisoner Health

1. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) nurses and doctors are employed at each of the NT prisons as at 31 January 2026, and please specify at which facilities?
2. How many nurses and doctors were employed FTE in NT prisons on 31 August 2024, and please specify at which facilities?
3. What was the prisoner to FTE Doctor ratio at 31 January 2026, compared with 31 August 2024 in each NT prison facility?
4. What was the prisoner to FTE Nurse ratio at 31 January 2026, compared with 31 August 2024 in each NT prison facility?
5. As of 31 January 2026, how many female prisoners were being held at the new Darwin women's prison and how many were being held at the Darwin Correctional Centre?
6. In 2025, how many NT prisoners were hospitalised for self-harm and attempted suicide incidents? Please provide a breakdown for each facility.
7. For the month of January 2026, how many NT prisoners were hospitalised for self-harm or attempted suicide incidents? Please provide a breakdown for each facility.
8. How many deaths have occurred in custody in the NT, including in prisons and hospitals from 2015 to 31 January 2026? Is this information publicly accessible?
9. During 2025, how many prisoners per week were transported to hospital? Please provide a breakdown for each facility.

10. During January 2026, how many prisoners per week were transported to hospital? Please provide a breakdown for each facility?

Answer

Questions 1 to 4, 6 to 7 and 9 to 10 do not fall within my responsibilities as the Minister for Corrections.

5. As of 31 January 2026, how many female prisoners were being held at the new Darwin women's prison and how many were being held at the Darwin Correctional Centre?

There were 44 female prisoners being held at the new Darwin women's facility in Sector 11, 96 female prisoners in Sector 4 at Darwin Correctional Centre, and 5 female prisoners in observation cells at Darwin Correctional Centre.

8. How many deaths have occurred in custody in the NT, including in prisons and hospitals from 2015 to 31 January 2026? Is this information publicly accessible?

From 1 January 2015 to 31 January 2026, there have been 29 deaths in custody.

The Australian Institute of Criminology established the National Deaths in Custody Program (NDICP) in 1992 in response to recommendation 41 by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. The NDICP receives death notifications from state and territory services, including the NT, where it presents real-time deaths in custody data in the form of a dashboard. This information is publicly accessible on its webpage: <https://www.aic.gov.au/statistics/deaths-custody-australia>