

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE
Answer to Question Taken on Notice

Question Number: 3-3

Date: 13/07/2017

From: Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula

To: Hon. Natasha Fyles

Portfolio: Attorney-General & Justice

Agency: Attorney-General & Justice

Subject: Indigenous Incarceration Rates

Answer

See attached

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Date: 20 June 2017
Subject: Indigenous Incarceration Rates
From: Member for Nhulunbuy
To: Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
Agency: Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

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Question: Could you provide the current rates of incarceration of Indigenous adults and juveniles in the NT? Due to the current anniversary of the 10-year intervention, could you also provide the same rates for 2007

Answer:

Adults: During the March Quarter 2017, the NT Aboriginal imprisonment rate was 2,892.7 per 100,000 adult Aboriginal population.

During the March Quarter 2007, the NT Aboriginal imprisonment rate was 1849.3 per 100,000 adult Indigenous population.

This is an overall increase of 56%.

Youth: The Northern Territory Indigenous youth detention rate as at 31 March 2007 was 194.3 Indigenous detainees per 100,000 Indigenous youth aged 10-17.

The estimated NT Indigenous youth detention rate as at 31 March 2017 was 405.7 Indigenous detainees per 100,000 Indigenous youth aged 10-17.

This represents a 109% increase over the period, or just over twice the rate on 31 March 2017 as on 31 March 2007.

Background: The NT 2007 and 2017 adult rates are as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The 31 March 2007 youth rate was published by the Australian Institute of Criminology. The 31 March 2017 youth rate is our own calculation, based on the number of Indigenous youths in detention on this date and a calculated estimate of the population of Indigenous youths aged 10-17 at this time (based on Australian Bureau of Statistics published projections for 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2017).