

Estimates Committee 2010 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Cost of alcohol rehabilitation programs

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Question: We should put that question on notice and one day I will get the answer to it. Of the entire Custodial Services budget for 2009-10, how much was allocated and spent on alcohol rehabilitation programs in Territory gaols, and how does it compare with 2008-09, and what are the estimates for 2010-11.

Answer:

Answered On: 16/07/2010

Answer: Prisoner Services Units within the Alice Springs and Darwin Correctional Centres are responsible for sentence management, support and reintegration services and the direct delivery of treatment programs to offenders.

This includes conducting specialist alcohol and other drug programs including an Alcohol Awareness and Treatment Program.

The budget for Prisoner Services at Darwin Correctional Centre in 2009-10 was \$1.845M.

The budget for Prisoner Services at Alice Springs Correctional Centre in 2009-10 was \$1.711M.

At this point, 2010-11 allocations for Prisoner Services have yet to be finalised. The estimates for 2010-11, based on standard budgeting processes, are approximately \$1.897M for Prisoner Services at Darwin Correctional Centre and \$1.751M for Prisoner Services at Alice Springs Correctional Centre.

The Department of Health and Families' Prison In-reach alcohol and drug program has been delivered at the Darwin Correctional Centre since early 2008 for offenders on remand and those with sentences of less than six months. The Program has provided assessment, treatment and referral for over 500 prisoners since its commencement.

Other programs offered within the prison that address alcohol related issues include Cognitive Skills / Victim Awareness, Family Wellbeing Program, and Indigenous Family Violence Program.

