

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs. Finocchiaro to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice:

#### Community Corrections

1. What portion of the \$4.3 million in budgeted spending on 'strengthening community corrections and continuing electronic monitoring' will be spent on training programs or work experience for offenders?
2. What portion of the \$4.3 million will be spent on electronic monitoring and will that allow for more offenders to be placed on electronic monitoring or simply paying for the upkeep of the current system?
3. What portion, if any, of the \$4.3 million will go towards the implementation and expansion of the COMMIT program in the Territory?
4. How many offenders are currently taking part in the COMMIT program and how many do you expect to participate in the next financial year?
5. What are the criteria for an offender taking part in the COMMIT program currently and do you have data on how many have been subsequently returned to prison as a result of the Chairperson of the Parole Board revoking their parole?
6. Has a sanctions matrix for the COMMIT program been developed as required under the *Parole Amendment Act 2017*?
7. How many participants in the COMMIT program have had their parole revoked as a result of committing a subsequent offence?
8. How much has been budgeted for offender post-release supported accommodation in the 2018-19 budget?

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1. Nil.
  2. An allocation of \$3.568 million was budgeted to fund the continuation of the existing Electronic Monitoring Program.
  3. Nil.

4. As at 8 August 2018, there were 83 offenders subject to a COMMIT order.

Approximately 120 offenders are expected to commence a COMMIT order in the next year.

5. All offenders placed on the COMMIT and COMMIT parole programs are subject to an assessment by a probation and parole officer which is based on the following criteria:
  - a) Risk level.
  - b) Alcohol and/or drug use.
  - c) Previous non-compliance.
  - d) Previous imprisonment.
  - e) Responsivity limitations.

In addition, the probation and parole officer will consider any logistical limitations associated with applying the COMMIT program, particularly in relation to whether there are facilities available to enable the offender to appear in court swiftly and serve an immediate, short sanction if required.

There have been 18 COMMIT parole orders revoked out of a total of 76.

6. Yes.
7. There have been 2 COMMIT parole orders revoked as a result of a subsequent offence.
8. \$0.505 million is budgeted as service delivery via grants for pre and post release supported accommodation in 2018-19.