

Estimates Committee 2010 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject : Waiting list for alcohol rehabilitation programs

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Question: How many prisoners were waitlisted for alcohol rehabilitation programs run in the Territory gaols in 2009-010, and how does it compare with the preceding year? I am referring to both gaols.

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Response:

Offenders entering a correctional centre undergo a series of assessments. These include initial assessment by the Sentence Management Team, and clinical assessment by the Treatment Team of the Prisoner Services Branches located in each correctional centre.

Assessment by the Clinical Team determines an offender's eligibility for program participation and includes issues such as:

- whether an offender has adequate cognitive functioning to gain any benefit from inclusion in treatment;
- determination of general risk of re-offending and responsivity to treatment; and
- specialised assessment to determine re-offending risks which determines intensity and duration of treatment.

A waiting list consists of prisoners who have undergone both an initial assessment by the Sentence Management Team and clinical assessment by the Treatment Team and have been deemed suitable for participation in a program. Waiting lists vary constantly due to the number of people in custody, their involvement in other programs and activities such as the Alcohol In-reach program. As a result, there is

no waiting list for the 2009-10 financial year, nor is it possible to provide a wait list for the previous year.

Darwin Correctional Centre (DCC)

As at 22 June 2010, there were 38 offenders in DCC who have been assessed as suitable for participation in and wait listed for an alcohol program.

Alice Springs Correctional Centre

As at 22 June 2010, there were 59 offenders at ASCC who have been assessed as suitable for participation in and wait listed for an alcohol program.