

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Territory Families:

Youth Diversion and Programs

Please provide the following data for the 12 months to 30 September 2022:

1. Please list the Youth Justice Community Support and Diversion Programs available to youths, and the expenditure on each of these programs.

ANSWER

The Department provides recurrent funding to 13 organisations across 60 communities in the Northern Territory to support young people to participate in Community Youth Diversion (CYD) programs.

- There are two components to CYD programs services that are funded:
 - Case management and referral - coordination that ensures young people receive the services and support they need to reduce reoffending. This may include referral to other services and ensuring young people engage in services.
 - Program delivery- delivery of programs directly to young people that are restorative, promote positive life pathways and assist to develop strategies to prevent reoffending.
- These services are also available to vulnerable young people aged eight years and above who are at risk of future contact with the formal youth justice system where capacity exists.

- Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation	\$170,000
- Bush Fit Mob	\$180,000
- Danila Dilba Health Service	\$475,000
- East Arnhem Regional Council (East Arnhem)	\$200,000
- Mala'la Health Service Aboriginal Corporation	\$180,000
- Thamarurr Development Corporation	\$150,000
- Tiwi Islands Regional Council	\$270,000
- Kalano Community Association Inc	\$300,000
- Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation	\$150,000
- Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation	\$300,000
- MacDonnell Regional Council	\$158,333

- The Gap Youth and Community Centre \$438,746.82
- Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation \$89,863

The total expenditure to providers who deliver these programs from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022 is \$3,061,942.82.

2. What were the Youth Justice Detention Programs and what was the expenditure on these programs?

ANSWER

Youth detention centre programs include education and vocational training (delivered via the Department of Education), mentoring, recreation, self-care, life skills, therapeutic engagement, arts and music, culture, cooking, social and emotional wellbeing et cetera. For the period of 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022, \$1,427,029.39 was expended for all programs across both Northern Territory detention centres.

Clinical programs and therapy are costed separately.

3. How many youths participated in a Youth Justice Community Support and Diversion Program who were:
 - a. Less than 12 years old at the time of commencement?
 - b. 12 years or older at the time of commencement?

ANSWER

- a. 20.
- b. **224.**

4. Of the youths who participated in a Youth Justice Community Support and Diversion Program who were less than 12 years old at the time of commencement, how many were referred by:
 - a. Police
 - b. Parent/guardian
 - c. Other family member
 - d. Government agency
 - e. Non-government agency
 - f. Court
 - g. School
 - h. Other

ANSWER

- a. 20.
- b. Nil.
- c. **Nil.**
- d. **Nil.**
- e. **Nil.**
- f. **Nil.**
- g. **Nil.**
- h. **Nil.**

5. Of the youths who participated in a Youth Justice Community Support and Diversion Program who were 12 years or older at the time of commencement, how many were referred by:
- a. Police
 - b. Parent/guardian
 - c. Other family member
 - d. Government agency
 - e. Non-government agency
 - f. Court
 - g. School
 - h. Other

ANSWER

- a. 204.
- b. **Nil.**
- c. **Nil.**
- d. **Nil.**
- e. **Nil.**
- f. 20.
- g. **Nil.**
- h. **Nil.**

6. How many youths participated in a Youth Justice Detention Program who were:
- a. Less than 12 years old at the time of commencement?
 - b. 12 years or older at the time of commencement?

ANSWER

Refer to Question 9. This is a duplicated question.

7. Of the youths who participated in a Youth Justice Community Support and Diversion Program who were less than 12 years at the time of commencement, how many were subsequently arrested, offended, or reoffended?

ANSWER

Nil.

8. Of the youths who participated in a Youth Justice Community Support and Diversion Program who were 12 years or older at the time of commencement, how many were subsequently arrested, offended, or reoffended?

ANSWER

59.

9. How many youths participated in a Youth Justice Detention Program who were:
- a. Less than 12 years old at the time of commencement?
 - b. 12 years or older at the time of commencement?

ANSWER

- a. 10.
- b. 239.

10. Of the youths who participated in a Youth Justice Detention Program who were less than 12 years at the time of commencement, how many were subsequently arrested, offended, or reoffended?

ANSWER

Eight.

11. Of the youths who participated in a Youth Justice Detention Program who were 12 years or older at the time of commencement, how many were subsequently arrested, offended, or reoffended?

ANSWER

169.