

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

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Subject: Number of prisoners in VET or other skills program

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Question: How many prisoners or detainees are currently participating in a VET or work experience or other skills program within our correctional facilities? How many are enrolled, how many have actually completed those programs and how many are not participating in anything at all?

Figures are for the period 1 July 17 to 31 March 18.

| Accredited Certificates | Completed | Currently Enrolled | Withdrawn | Total |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-------|
| Total | 237 | 57 | 20 | 314 |

| Accredited Short Course | Completed |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Total | 402 |

| QuickSmart | Total Participation | Level Completions |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Total Students | 214 | 180 |
| Total Tutors | 33 | N/A |

| University of Southern Queensland (USQ) – higher education | Unit Enrolments | Course Headcount |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | 106 | 51 |

For the period 1 July 2017 to 31 March 2018, there were 934 prisoners who were eligible to undertake education programs.

Participation in paid and voluntary employment

| Financial Year | Paid Employment | Voluntary Employment |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 2013-14 | 190 | N/A |
| 2014-15 | 313 | 393 |
| 2015-16 | 355 | 392 |
| 2016-17 | 347 | 392 |
| 2017-2018 (as at 31 March) | 285 (380 estimate to end of financial year) | 315 (420 estimate to end of financial year) |

Datjala Work Camp

- Accommodates between 40-50 prisoners throughout the year, all of whom are engaged in either paid or voluntary employment.
- Datjala does not have a designated CSWP, however prisoners engage in community service work at the request of not-for-profits, sporting groups, community events, ground maintenance and in partnership with local Aboriginal organisations when available.

Barkly Work Camp

- The Barkly Work Camp has five work parties and accommodates between 60-72 prisoners throughout the year, all of whom are engaged in some form of employment or work experience.

Darwin Correctional Centre – Community Support Work Program

- The CSWP operates six work parties Monday to Friday and weekends (when required).
- The average number of prisoners engaged in the CSWP varies between 25-40 prisoners per day.

Alice Springs Correctional Centre – Community Support Work Program

- The CSWP operates five work parties Monday to Friday and weekends (when required).
- The average number of prisoners engaged in the CSWP is approximately 30 prisoners per day.

Engagement:

- The total number of eligible prisoners participating in education and/or employment programs is approximately 71%, however this percentage varies throughout the course of the year and is impacted by a number of variables.