

**Estimates Committee 2010**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

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Subject: Northern Territory Certificate of Education

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**Question:** The question was: in 2009-2010, how many prisoners completed Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12?

**Answer:**

Answered On: 18/06/2010

Answer: The focus of education within prisons is on improving the levels of literacy and numeracy. As prisoners are over 18, the education and training provided is that appropriate to adult learners.

Prisoners who elect to undertake education can choose between secondary education at the NT Open Education College (NTOEC), programs offered by Northern Territory Correctional Services (NTCS), or programs offered by external providers.

NTCS is a Registered Training Organisation and delivers nationally accredited training ranging from literacy and numeracy, music, art, horticulture and sport and recreation.

During 2009-10 to date, no prisoners have completed secondary education years 7 to 12 in the correctional centres.

As at 31 March 2010, two prisoners were enrolled through the NTOEC and two were undertaking a Tertiary Entrance Preparation course, which is equivalent to year 11 and 12. Across both Darwin and Alice Springs Correctional Centres, 448 offenders were enrolled in literacy and numeracy courses.