

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Fyles to the Minister for Correctional Services:

Sentenced to a Job

1. How many people have completed the sentenced to a Job in 2013/14 and 2014/15?

Answer:

- 2011 to 2012 – 13 prisoners participated in Paid Employment.
- 2012 to 2013 – 60 prisoners participated in Sentenced to a Job.
- 2013 to 2014 - 190 prisoners participated in Sentenced to a Job.
- 2014 to 2015 - 313 prisoners participated in Sentenced to a Job.

2. How many people have re-offended?

Answer:

Re-offending rates are based on the number of prisoners who have re-offended within a specific time period following release.

Return to Prison

12 months after release

146 male prisoners who had participated in the paid Sentenced to a Job (STAJ) were released between September 2012 and 9 June 2014 (a year prior to the date of analysis). Of those, 43 (29%) were received in custody as sentenced prisoners for a new episode within 12 months of their release.

In comparison, 35% (1036 of 2961) of male prisoners who did not participate in STAJ and were released during the same time period were received in custody as sentenced prisoners for a new episode within 12 months of their release.

24 months after release

40 male prisoners who had participated in the paid STAJ were released between September 2012 and 9 June 2013 (two years prior to the date of analysis). Of those, 16 (40%) were received in custody as sentenced prisoners for a new episode within 24 months of their release.

In comparison, 53% (669 of 1263) of male prisoners who did not participate in STAJ and were released during the same time period were received in custody as sentenced prisoners for a new episode within 24 months of their release.

At Darwin Correctional Centre, 20% of prisoners participating in STAJ had returned to prison within two years of release, compared with 46% of the comparison group.

At Alice Springs Correctional Centre, 45% of prisoners participating in STAJ had returned to prison within 2 years of release, compared with 59% of the comparison group.