

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Territory Families:

**Back on Track Program**

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

1. What was the total expenditure on the Back on Track Program?

**ANSWER**

\$5,880,511.50

2. What was the total expenditure on the Back on Track Program since 2017?

**ANSWER**

\$19,260,397.40 (since commencement of program in September 2019).

3. How many youths were referred to the Back on Track Program who were:
  - a. Less than 12 years old at the time of referral? Of these, how many commenced the program and how many completed it?  
*(for the 12 months to 30 September 2022)*
  - b. 12 years or older at the time of referral? Of these, how many commenced the program and how many completed it?  
*(for the 12 months to 30 September 2022)*

**ANSWER**

The Back on Track program is based on four program elements. Young people will begin the program in element 1 and may participate in elements 2, 3 and 4 in any order. Through a coordinated case management approach, led by the element one provider, young people will move in and out of the other elements as they progress with case management goals, and as their engagement in the program changes. Participation in all elements is not mandatory.

Unless a timeframe for participation has been made through an order of the court, the length of time a young person may stay in the program is determined by their case management progress. Generally, it is anticipated a young person may remain in the program for anywhere between 9 – 24 months.

- a. 15 referred, of these, 12 young people are still active in the program and 3 young have exited due to relocating outside the service area.

b. 91 referred, of these, 62 young people are still active in the program and 29 young people have exited with the following reasons:

- 11 young people have relocated outside the service area.
- 3 young people are receiving appropriate services
- 8 young people refused to engage
- 7 young people remanded or sentenced in detention for longer than 3 months.

4. Of the youths who participated in the Back on Track Program who were less than 12 years old at the time of commencement, how many were referred by:

- Police
- Parent/guardian
- Other family member
- Government agency
- Non-government agency
- Court
- School
- Other

#### ANSWER

Referrer	Referrals commenced < 12 years
Northern Territory Police	0
Department of Education	0
Government agency (other)	2
Court	0
Other/non-government agency	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

5. Of the youths who participated in the Back on Track Program who were 12 years or older at the time of commencement, how many were referred by:

- Police
- Parent/guardian
- Other family member
- Government agency
- Non-government agency
- Court
- School
- Other

#### ANSWER

Referrer	Referrals commenced > 12 years
Northern Territory Police	2
Department of Education	5
Government agency (other)	41
Court	10
Other/non-government agency	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>

6. Of the youths who participated in the Back on Track Program who were less than 12 years old at the time of commencement, how many subsequently were arrested, offended or reoffended?

**ANSWER**

Seven.

7. Of the youths who participated in the Back on Track Program who were 12 years or older at the time of commencement, how many subsequently were arrested, offended or reoffended?

**ANSWER**

55.