

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Justice:

Prison numbers

1. How many people are being held in a correctional facility, including watch houses, across the Northern Territory on 30th June 2023? Could you provide a comparison to 30th of June 2022? What percentage of these people are First Nations? And what percentage are on remand?
2. What is the average length of time on remand for people who plead guilty? And what is the average length of time on remand for people who plead not guilty?
3. Minister, can prisoners on remand access all prison programs – like drug and alcohol support or anger management programs?

ANSWER

1. 2104, compared to 1933 on 30 June 2022.

88.3 per cent of the prison population was Aboriginal compared to 86.8 per cent on 30 June 2022.

40.9 per cent were remanded in custody compared to 35.5 per cent on 30 June 2022.
2. Average of 111 days on remand for individuals who pled guilty. Average of 129 days on remand for individuals who pled not guilty.
3. Remand prisoners have access to the Safe Sober Strong program which includes modules on emotion regulation (one of which is anger management).