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Question: **10-11**
How many prisoners completed alcohol rehabilitation programs in both the Correctional facilities in 2007-08? I just add a follow-up of how many programs were offered? One is participants, and the other is programs.

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In 2007-08 two types of rehabilitation programs were offered that specifically focus on alcohol:

- Alcohol Awareness Program;
- Alcohol Treatment Program.

In 2007-08 in Alice Springs Correctional Centre (ASCC) six Awareness Programs were delivered to a total of 53 participants, and two Treatment Programs were delivered to a total of 22 participants.

In 2007-08 in Darwin Correctional Centre (DCC) two Awareness Programs were delivered to a total of 19 participants, and three Treatment Programs were delivered to a total of 31 participants.

Alcohol misuse has also been addressed as a part of various interventions (which include programs and individual counselling) particularly where it is related to offending behaviour. The following 2007-08 interventions were not 'alcohol specific' but individual offenders addressed their alcohol issues within the program or during counselling where it was relevant:

- Individual Counselling;
- Cognitive Skills Program (including a female specific program in DCC);
- Family Well-Being Program;
- Indigenous Family Violence Offender Program;
- Sex Offender Treatment Program;
- Women's Intervention Program (ASCC);
- Remandee Life Skills Program (ASCC).

In January 2008, an alcohol and other drug rehabilitation program commenced targeting prisoners sentenced to less than six months and remandees. The Department of Health and Families delivers the "Alcohol and Other Drugs Prison In-Reach Program" to adult male and female prisoners in Darwin Correctional Centre and to juveniles in Don Dale Detention Centre.

An “Introduction to the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Misuse Program” was delivered in Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre in 2007-08. It was supported by the Department of Education and delivered by the Council for Aboriginal Alcohol Program Services which is a specialist external service based in Darwin. In 2007-08 two programs were delivered to a total of 26 participants. Juvenile offenders may have received individual counselling and alcohol issues would be addressed where this was of relevance.