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Question: What percentages of defendants in Magistrates Courts were given a custodial sentence in 2009-10? And how does it compare with the preceding year, and what is the estimate for 2010-11?

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ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 2010 – QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question: What percentages of defendants in Magistrates Courts were given an actual imprisonment sentence in 2009-10 (as at 31 March 2010) and how does it compare with the preceding year, and what is the estimate for 2010-11?

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Response:

Latest ABS Statistics indicate that the Northern Territory courts handed down the highest proportion of actual imprisonment sentences by far in Australia in all levels of courts.

In 2008-09, 2309 defendants in Magistrates Courts received actual imprisonment sentences (including partially suspended) representing 24% of defendants who were proven guilty.

Between 1 July 2009 to 31 March 2010, 1739 defendants in Magistrates Courts received actual imprisonment sentences (including partially suspended) representing 24% of defendants who were proven guilty.

There is no suitable model to estimate the number for 2010-2011.