

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Fyles to the Minister for Correctional Services:

Recidivism Rates

1. What were the recidivism rates for adult prisoners and juvenile detainees for the years 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15?

Answer:

The recidivism rates for adult prisoners returning to prison under sentence within two years are published in the Report on Government Services in January of each year. The most recent data was published in January 2015 and is for the year 2013/14, based on prisoners who were released in 2011/12.

For prisoners released in 2010/11, the percentage who returned to prison under sentence within two years (published for 2012/13) was 54.0%.

For prisoners released in 2011/12, the percentage who returned to prison under sentence within two years (published for 2013/14) was 51.7%.

The definition of recidivism as it applies to youth has not been formally agreed upon at the national level, and consequently there are no recidivism rates published for youth detainees.