

# ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

## Question Taken on Notice

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**To:** Hon Selena Uibo

**Portfolio:** Attorney-General & Justice

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**Subject:** Life Skills Work Camp

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### QUESTION:

In October, you opened the new life skills camp as a prison alternative for Central Australian women. Is there a criteria that Aboriginal women must meet to be accepted to the program, for example will their crime be taken into account? Will women with previous periods of incarceration be excluded.

### ANSWER:

Participation in the Alternative to Custody in Alice Springs is subject to eligibility criteria and an assessment by the Alternative to Custody working group. Once it has been confirmed that an individual meets the eligibility criteria they will be subject to a comprehensive suitability and risk assessment to determine whether the Alternative to Custody program and facility meets the client's needs. Previous periods of incarceration will not exclude a woman from participating in the program (with the exception of serious sex offenders); however, the severity of previous offending is the salient factor that will determine whether someone is accepted into the program.

The eligibility criteria states that serious sex offenders are disqualified from being considered for the program.