



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 184

## WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Corrections, Hon Gerard Maley MLA:

### **Health of People in Custody in the Northern Territory**

1. Please provide an age breakdown of the Northern Territory prison population.
  - a. What percentage of the population is over the age of 45?
  - b. What percentage of the population is over the age of 55?
  - c. What percentage of the population is over the age of 65?
2. How has the age breakdown of the Northern Territory prison population changed over time?
  - a. What percentage of the population was over 45 years of age in 2015?
  - b. What percentage of the population was over 55 years of age in 2015?
  - c. What percentage of the population was over 65 years of age in 2015?
3. Does the Department of Correctional Services have a policy or procedure for responding to medical emergencies within correctional centres?
  - a. Will the Minister table any such policy for consideration by the Legislative Assembly?
4. How many medical emergencies (or equivalent incidents, if recorded under another category) have occurred in Northern Territory correctional centres during the past 12 months?
5. What palliative care and psychosocial support services are available to prisoners with terminal illnesses in custody?
6. Does the Department of Correctional Services have a policy governing compassionate release?
  - a. Will the Minister table any such policy for consideration by the Legislative Assembly?
  - b. How many applications for compassionate release have been made in the past 12 months?
  - c. How many applications for compassionate release have been granted?
7. How many people have died of natural causes while in custody in the Northern Territory during the past 12 months?