

2014 Estimates Committee

Response to Questions on Notice

Minister	The Hon John Elferink MLA
Portfolio	Correctional Services
Agency	Department of Correctional Services

Question Reference	142 - 4 b – Overtime costs
From	Mr Michael Gunner

Question

What is the overtime cost/extra loading for:

- a. –
- b. Correctional Officers attending medical facilities.

Answer

The overtime for medical/hospital escorts include medical, hospital, interstate medical escorts, intrastate medical escorts and the Joan Riddley Unit.

Location	2012-2013 \$	2013-2014 As at 31 March 2014 \$
Darwin Correctional Centre	1,301,630	1,368,817
Alice Springs Correctional Centre	617,499	623,356

CROSS REFERENCE

Refer to NTDCS Estimate Brief 1.7

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Question Reference	142 - 6 – Days/nights prisoners in hospital
From	Mr Michael Gunner

Question

What is the total number of days and nights spent at Territory Hospitals by Territory inmates in the last 12 months?

Answer

For the period 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014 there were:

- 317 hospital bed nights (for 92 prisoners) for Alice Springs Correctional Centre; and
- 818 hospital bed nights (for 129 prisoners) for Darwin Correctional Centre.

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Question Reference	142 - 7 – Inmate security in hospital
From	Mr Michael Gunner

Question

What is the cost to the Department for inmate security in hospitals?

Answer

The figures relates specifically to prisoner escorts where a prisoner has been admitted to hospital and may remain there for a day or several days until the medical treatment has been completed. This figure for the Darwin Correctional Centre also includes the Joan Riddley Unit.

Location	2013-2014 As at 31 March 2014
Darwin Correctional Centre	1,273,236
Alice Springs Correctional Centre	918,655

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Question Reference	142 - 10 – Evacuations to hospital
From	Mr Michael Gunner

Question

10. How many evacuations to Hospital have occurred within business hours/after hours and what was the mode and cost to the department:

- Department vehicles?
- Ambulance?
- Other?

Answer

For the period 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014, there were the following number of escorts to medical facilities:

Number of Escorts	ASCC	DCC	BWC	TOTAL
Business Hours	886	1,119	85	2,090
After Hours Escorts	138	167	0	305
Total	1,024	1,286	85	2,395

Mode of Transport	ASCC	DCC	BWC	TOTAL
Departmental Vehicles	970	1,184	85	2,239
Ambulance	54	102	0	156
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	1,024	1,286	85	2,395

Cost of Vehicle Escorts	ASCC	DCC	BWC	TOTAL
Departmental Vehicles	\$80,320	\$63,940	\$1,530	\$145,790
Ambulance	\$27,850	\$51,670	\$0	\$79,520
Total	\$108,170	\$115,610	\$1,530	\$225,310

Costs are transport costs and do not include costs for officers.

Costs for departmental vehicles are cost per km for return trip to hospital and back.

Ambulance costs are the invoiced costs for despatch of ambulance.

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Question Reference	142 - 11 – Prisoner turnover
From	Mr Michael Gunner

Question

What is the current turnover of prisoners – i.e. Admissions and discharges per week?

Answer

For the period 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014 there were:

- 3,481 admissions for Darwin Correctional Centre and 3,397 discharges;
- 2,810 admissions for Alice Springs Correctional Centre and 2,778 discharges;
- 225 prisoners were transferred into Barkly Work Camp; 73 transferred out and there were 137 discharges for Barkly Work Camp.

The average weekly turnover for prisoner for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014 is as follows:

Centre	Admissions	Discharges
Alice Springs Correctional Centre	78	77
Darwin Correctional Centre	97	94
Barkly Work Camp ¹	0	4
Total	175	175

¹ Barkly Work Camp is not a reception prison. Prisoners are received into Darwin or Alice and transferred to the Barkly Work Camp.

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Question Reference	142 - 14 – Incarceration forecasts for 3 years
From	Mr Michael Gunner

Question

Can you outline incarceration forecasts across all correctional facilities for the next three years?

Answer

The prisoner projections model is based on 24 months of historical monthly daily average data.

The projections incorporate a linear growth factor, a seasonal variation factor and an estimate of the uncertainty of the projection.

A prisoner projection chart as at the end of March 2014 is also attached.

	June 2014	June 2015	June 2016
Central Australia ¹	743	807	871
Top End ²	984	1080	1177

¹ Central Australia includes Alice Springs Correctional Centre and Barkly Work Camp

² Top End includes Darwin Correctional Centre and Datjala Work Camp Nhulunbuy

CROSS REFERENCE

Refer to NTDCS Estimate Brief 2.3

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Question Reference	142 - 15 - Programs and service delivery for young people entering the system
From	Mr Michael Gunner

Question

Provide a breakdown of programs and service delivery aimed at preventing young people entering the justice system, including committed funding for each program across the forward estimates.

Answer

RESPONSE:

The Youth Diversion Grants Program 2013-14 / 2014-15 has provided funding to the following 10 organisations for the annual amounts listed:

Groote Eylandt and Milyakburra	\$160,000
Tiwi Islands Shire Council	\$220,000
Relationships Australia	\$410,000
(additional funding for remote diversion 2013-2014 only)	\$ 41,210
Barkly Youth Services	\$278,459
YMCA Katherine	\$199,260
Roper Gulf Shire Council	\$215,000
YWCA Darwin	\$538,156
Anglicare	\$135,000
East Arnhem Shire Council	\$135,000
Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Womens Council	\$125,000
TOTAL	\$2,457,085

These grants allow the organisations to provide service focus on:

- Diversion assessment
- Family and victim/offender conferences
- Early intervention
- Crime prevention
- Fostering behavioral changes
- Re-engaging youth in schooling, employment and /or training
- Improving health and wellbeing

CROSS REFERENCE

Refer to NTDCS Estimate Brief 5.4

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Question Reference	142 - 16 - \$2M allocation for early intervention and boot camps
From	Mr Michael Gunner

Question

\$2m has been allocated for early intervention and residential boot camps. Provide a breakdown of the funding including the allocation for boot camps, their capacity and location.

Answer

80 young people assessed as a risk of entering the youth justice system will participate in an early intervention youth boot camp program.

There will be eight programs in 2014-15 with each being of 14 weeks duration. Each program encompasses a wilderness camp of ten days. Four camps (10 children per camp) will be held at Walkabout Bore in the Northern Territory and four will be held in Yankannina Station in South Australia.

Tangentyere Council is the provider for the Walkabout Bore Camp and Operation Flinders will provide the camps in Yankannina Station.

It is anticipated the number of camps will increase to ten per year with a total of 100 participants as of 2015-16, noting that camps will only run in the dry season. Negotiations are finalising for Operation Flinders to run their camps in the Northern Territory as of 2015.

On completing the camp component each participant will receive up to 12 weeks of case management which will incorporate working with the young person's family. The location for this will be in the young person's community.

Minimal expenditure against the allocated budget for youth boot camps is due to activity between 1 July 2013 and 31 March 2014 limited to the trialling of two pilot programs at the above locations.

A total of 18 young people participated in the pilot programs – 10 at Operation Flinders and 8 at Walkabout Bore. The pilot programs and following program delivery evaluation were completed in November 2013.

The results of this evaluation informed the future delivery of the programs and the need to ensure programs delivered on stated outcomes for the long term.

To this end a strong framework for the program and its evaluation has been developed by external consultants, with recognized expertise in these types of intervention programs, for each provider. Program guidelines were finalised in April 2014 following circulation to the NGO sector for comment.

A boot camp program for sentenced youth is still under development.

Cost of programs	\$1M
Operational costs of the program	\$0.12M

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Refer to NTDCS Estimate Brief 5.6

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Question Reference	142 - 17 – Service provision detail Youth Supervision
From	Mr Michael Gunner 17

Question

Can you provide the service provision detail of the Youth Supervision model including locations in which it will be operational and who provides the supervision?

Answer

The Department of Correctional Services (NTDCS) is developing a community based youth supervision model that will be delivered by Youth Justice Teams.

Youth Justice Teams will have three areas of focus – working with young people at risk of entering the youth justice system; working with young people in detention; and working with young people on community orders. The teams will have a mandate to seek engagement from families and communities to increase the ability to change the at-risk and offending behaviours of their children and young people.

The Youth Justice Teams will pool existing services from Community Corrections and Youth Justice and will combine the expertise of staff from detention centre case management, Community Corrections and the Family Responsibility Centres in both Alice Springs and Darwin to form Youth Justice Teams.

The delivery of youth specific services within the community will be focussed on reducing the cost of detention; increasing the ability for young people who offend to stay connected to family and community; increase the engagement of family and community to work with and address young people's offending behaviours; and reducing the rates of offending and reoffending.

NTDCS will work with its NGO and NT Government partners to identify opportunities to collaborate to provide comprehensive locally coordinated community based programs and services.

It is anticipated services will be provided to young people and their families in Alice Springs and Darwin with a number of regional and remote communities receiving out-reach services from the two hubs. The hub model will allow NTDCS to have a flexible delivery model by responding to those communities in need recognising that not all areas require the same level of response at the same time. Given the potential size of the teams there will be a limit as to the number of communities in which they will be able to provide services.

The model will be resourced from existing budget and staff allocations.

As of 31 March 2014 there were:

- 213 people on community youth orders across the Territory.
- Of the 213, 140 were males and 73 were females; 46 were non-Indigenous and 167 were Indigenous.
- Of the 213, 30 people were over the age of 18 who were completing a youth order.

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Refer to NTDCS Estimate Brief 5.7

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Question Reference	142 - 18 – Electronic Monitoring
From	Mr Michael Gunner

Question

The Government has announced the intention to use GPS Electronic monitoring devices. When will this occur?

- Under what circumstances?
- How many people are anticipated to be ordered to wear them?
- Who will monitor the movements of individuals and who will be responsible for breaches?

Answer

The contract for the provision of an electronic monitoring solution was awarded in the week commencing 2 June 2014. The implementation is planned to commence in late July 2014.

- Electronic monitoring will be used when the Courts and Parole Board apply conditions that restrict the movements of offenders, and require close monitoring, such as curfews and residential conditions. Additionally the Commissioner of the Department of Correctional Services will have the ability to manage some prisoners using electronic monitoring technology.
- It is anticipated that in the first year there will be approximately 120 offenders and prisoners subject to some form of electronic monitoring.
- Probation and Parole Officers and Custodial Officers will be responsible for monitoring offenders and reporting any breaches to the appropriate authority.

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Refer to NTDCS Estimate Brief 4.2

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Question Reference	142 - 19 – Electronic Monitoring
From	Mr Michael Gunner

Question

Is there a budget allocation for the use of GPS electronic monitoring devices in the 2014/15 budget? If so how much?

Answer

GPS is one form of electronic monitoring technology but the overall budget for electronic monitoring in 2014/15 is \$1.052 million.

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Refer to NTDCS Estimate Brief 4.2

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Question Reference	142 - 20 – Nhulunbuy Work Camp
From	Mr Michael Gunner

Question

Regarding Nhulunbuy regional work camp can you provide details on what modifications are being made to make the rehabilitation centre suitable for housing prisoners?

- the associated costs;
- how many prisoners are currently being employed in local businesses; and
- which businesses.

Answer

The General Manager of Custodial Operations and Director of Major Projects and Infrastructure will be visiting Nhulunbuy on Wednesday, 11 June 2014 to ascertain what modifications are required to make the rehabilitation centre suitable to house prisoners. At this stage there have been no defined allocated costs.

As at 31 March 2014 there are 15 prisoners from the Datjala Work Camp in paid employment.

The prisoners are currently employed with the following Nhulunbuy businesses:

Zenco	2
Arnhem Pest Control	3
Gumatj Corporation	2
Delta Reef	2
Peninsula Bakery	3
TyrePower	2
Mansfield	1

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Refer to NTDCS Estimate Brief 2.5

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Question Reference	Estimates 2014 – Questions on Notice
From	142 – 21 – Community Work Crew budget

Question

Can you provide the budget for Community Work crews for the last three financial years and the budget for 14/15?

Answer

Community Work Crews	2011-12 \$000	2012-13 \$000	2013-14 \$000	2014-15 \$000
Employee Expenses ¹	0	279	276	276
Purchases of Goods and Services ²	25	88	88	88
Capital Purchases (Trailer/Fitout) ²	40	40		
Total Budget	65	407	364	364

1. Personnel budget based on 2.5 T6 FTE in 2012-13 and three T4 FTE in 2013-14 and 2014-15.
2. Funding as originally allocated in the 'A new Era in Corrections' Cabinet Decision.

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Question Reference	142 - 22 – Parole Board funding
From	Mr Michael Gunner

Question

Can you outline the funding for the Parole board for 11/12, 12/13, 13/14 and the budget for 2014/15?

Answer

The funding for the Parole Board is as follows:

- 2011-12 was \$224,000;
- 2012-13 was \$615,000;
- 2013-14 is \$498,000.

The budget for the Parole Board for 2014-15 is \$520,000.

In the 2012-13 mini budget, additional funding of \$0.41M was allocated to the Parole Board. The funding was for three initiatives to manage the workload arising from the increasing number of matters before the Board each month, being to:

1. support the expansion of the Parole Board from 10 to 18 members. Providing flexibility to implement a two meeting model thereby reducing the number of matters before the Board each month to a manageable level, particularly for community members.
2. provide payments for excess preparation time to members eligible for remuneration under the *Assembly Members and Other Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act*. The Parole Board has a significantly higher amount of preparation time than any other body in the same classification.

3. support the implementation of an electronic file and meeting management system. It is the practice of the Parole Board to make decisions based upon the papers before them. In order to assess matters the Parole Board is provided with a range of documents. These documents represent the complete history of the offender's interaction with the Parole Board. The electronic system provides for more timely delivery of files to members, reduces travel for members based outside Darwin and increases the security of files.

CROSS REFERENCE

Refer to NTDCS Estimate Brief 4.4