

# **ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

## **Question Taken on Notice**

**Date:** 13/06/2019

**Subject:** Funding for therapeutic services to prisoners

**From:** Mrs Lia Finocchiaro

**To:** Hon Natasha Fyles

**Agency:** The Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

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**Number:** 4-16

**Question:**

Could I get a breakdown of the figure associated with providing alcohol and other drug addiction services to our prisoners, split into corrections and health and other therapeutic services in corrections and health?

**Answer:**

The estimated expenditure from Correctional Services on alcohol and other drugs programs for the period 1 July 2018 to 31 March 2019 was \$500 000.

Other alcohol and drug services are also provided into the prisons by the Department of Health, as follows:

**Central Australia Health Service:**

Central Australia Health Service delivers the Alcohol and Other Drugs Central Australia (ADSCA) service. ADSCA provides treatment and support to clients affected by alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in the Alice Springs and Barkly region.

ADSCA do not provide an in-reach service to the Alice Springs Correctional Centre; however, four prisoners have been referred to ADSCA for treatment during the 2018-19 financial year.

**Top End Health Service:**

Top End Health Service Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Service has a Prison In-Reach team providing the following AOD services to prisoners on remand or sentenced to up to six months imprisonment:

1. Assessment
2. Individual and group counselling
3. Education sessions
4. Brief intervention
5. Referrals to after-care services upon release from prison.

In 2018-19, the personnel budget for delivery of this service by four staff was \$439 613.