



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 50

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Corrections, Hon Gerard Maley MLA:

Corrections data

1. On 7 February 2025, a Government media release outlined an increase in 500 additional prisoners in the Corrections system since the 2024 August election. Please advise:
 - a) On the day prior to the election what was the number of people being held in correctional facilities and watch houses? Of these people, what proportion identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
 - b) On the day of the media release, what was the number of people being held in correctional facilities and watch houses? Of these people, what proportion identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
 - c) Of the 500 detainee increase since the election, what proportion of these detainees identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
 - d) On the day prior to the election, what proportion of detainees were being held on remand?
 - e) On the day of the media release, what proportion of detainees were being held on remand?
2. On 29 January, 2025, a Government media release outlined an increase of 400 additional prisoners since the August 2024 election. In slightly more than a week another Government media release on the 7 February outlined that there had been 'more than 500 additional prisoners' since the 2024 election. This is a significant increase, please provide a breakdown of the police charges for the approximate 100 additional prisoners over this 9 day period.
3. For the month of January 2025, in the Palmerston Watch House/ Palmerston Police Prison:
 - a) What was the average number of detainees held each day?
 - b) What was the highest number of detainees held in a day?

- c) What was the average number of detainees in each cell?
- d) What was the highest number of detainees in a cell in one day?
- e) What was the longest amount of time that a detainee was held in this facility?
- f) What was the average length of stay for detainees?
- g) What proportion of detainees were on remand?
- h) What proportion of detainees identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
- i) How often could detainees meet with their lawyers onsite?
- j) How many times did detainees meet with their lawyers onsite?
- k) How often could detainees shower in a bathroom outside their cell?
- l) How often could detainees spend time outside in fresh air?
- m) How often could detainees spend time outside their cell on a daily basis?
- n) How often was there access to medical clinics, on site, for detainees?
- o) How often did detainees attend rehabilitative programs? Which programs were attended, by how many detainees and on which days?
- p) How often did detainees sleep in darkness?
- q) How many phone calls were made by detainees?