

Estimates Committee 2010 **Questions Taken On Notice**

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Question: How much was spent in 2009-10 on all rehabilitation and education programs at the Territory's gaols, and what is the allocation for 2010-11?

Answer:

Answered On: 16/07/2010

Answer: The majority of programs, interventions and activities offered within the correctional centres are directed toward the rehabilitation of offenders. Specific services provided are categorised into education and training; treatment programs; and support services. The budget for prisoner education in 2009-10 was \$1.93M. At this point, 2010-11 allocations for prisoner education have yet to be finalised. The estimate for 2010-11, based on standard budgeting processes, is approximately \$1.981M for prisoner education across both correctional centres.

Annual Hours of Curriculum delivered by Northern Territory Correctional Services staff increased during 2009 to 99,220, up from 56,715 in 2008 and 32,271 in 2007.

Prisoner Services Units within the Alice Springs and Darwin Correctional Centres are responsible for sentence management, support and reintegration services and the direct delivery of treatment programs to offenders.

The Prisoner Services Units also manage the provision of programs and services by external providers such as the Department of Health and Families and non-government organisations.

The budget for Prisoner Services at Darwin Correctional Centre in 2009-10 was \$1.845M.

The budget for Prisoner Services at Alice Springs Correctional Centre in 2009-10 was \$1.711M.

At this point, 2010-11 allocations for Prisoner Services have yet to be finalised. The estimates for 2010-11, based on standard budgeting processes, are approximately \$1.897M for Prisoner Services at Darwin

Correctional Centre and \$1.751M for Prisoner Services at Alice Springs
Correctional Centre.