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In accordance with current NT Correctional Services, 5.9% of Barkly Work Camp prisoners are submitted to random drug tests each month.

Target testing is also carried out on prisoners based on intelligence information.

2. **How are these different from other correctional facilities in the Northern Territory?**

The prisoner testing procedures at the Barkly Work Camp are the same as at other NT Correctional facilities. Urinalysis samples taken at the Barkly Work Camp are analysed in Alice Springs.

3. **Please provide a breakdown for the number of prisoners which have returned a positive test while detained at the Barkly Work Camp on a month by month basis according to substance since July 2011?**

Month	Number of Prisoners with a Positive Test
July 2011	Nil
August 2011	Nil
September 2011	Nil
October 2011	Nil
November 2011	Nil
December 2011	Nil
January 2012	Nil