

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Territory Families:

Youth Detention Centre Incidents

1. **As at 18 October 2018, how many youths are in detention? Please break down by Alice Springs / Don Dale, male / female, remand / sentenced.**

ANSWER

As at 18 October 2018, there were 38 young people in detention. Table 1 below provides a break down:

	Male Remand	Male Sentenced	Female Remand	Female Sentenced	Total
DDYDC	10	10	1	1	22
ASYDC	11	3	1	1	16
TOTAL	21	13	2	2	38

2. **How many times have Police been called to Detention Centres this financial year? Please provide a brief description of incidents and responses.**

ANSWER

Since 1 July 2018 to date, there have been a total of six incidents where Police have been called to detention centres:

- four incidents - Police were called to Don Dale Youth Detention Centre;
 - 6 July 2018 - 4 young people non-compliant in B Block. Police negotiated a peaceful resolution.
 - 29 Sept 2018 -3 young people non-compliant in B Block and refused to go to their rooms at lock down. Police negotiated a peaceful resolution.
 - 20 Oct 2018 - 11 young people involved in a disturbance and refusing to go to their rooms at lock down. Police negotiated a peaceful resolution.
 - 6 Nov 2018 -Following an assault on a Youth Justice Officer, one young person obtained a set of keys and proceeded to release other young detainees. Young people were conveyed to the Police Watch House.
- two incidents - Police were called to Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre:
 - 15 July 2018 -2 Young people escaped the ASYDC. Police notified and in attendance.
 - 17 July 2018 -1 Young person escaped the ASYDC. Police notified and in attendance.

3. How many incidents of detainees on Detention Centre's roofs have occurred this financial year?

ANSWER:

In 2018-19 to date, there has been a total of five incidents of detainees on detention centre rooftops:

- five incidents occurred at the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre; and
- no incidents at the Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre.

4. How much damage has been caused by detainees in detention centres this financial year? Please quantify a dollar amount.

ANSWER

To date, damage caused by young people in detention centres this financial year has equated to the following expenditure:

- Don Dale Youth Detention Centre – invoices received and paid total \$286,686, with a further \$150,000 of outstanding invoices yet to be submitted;
- quotes to repair damage caused by the recent incident on 6 November 2018 total \$750,000; and
- Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre – total \$91,523.

5. How many escapes have occurred this financial year? Please list by Alice Springs / Don Dale.

ANSWER

Since 1 July 2018 to date, there has been a total of two instances where escapes have occurred from detention centres:

- two from Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre;
- nil from Don Dale Youth Detention Centre.

6. How many detainees have had multiple stays in Don Dale / Alice Springs? Please list instances of repeat detainees since 2014, how long each period of detention has been and whether the detention was for remand or a sentence.

ANSWER

Territory Families does not have an automated solution to be able to provide this information, meaning that any data collation would need to be entirely manual and cannot be validated or replicated.