

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Carney to Minister for Correctional Services

**NT Correctional Services – Clinic Services Branch**

Would you please provide details on the Clinic Services Branch as follows:

1. What was the Establishment costs.
2. What is their FTE staffing numbers.
3. Are there supernumerary positions within these FTE staffing numbers and if so, what are their qualifications.
4. Was finance for the Clinic Services Branch budgeted for in the 2009/10 budget and what is the budget for 2010/11.

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**ANSWER:**

During 2009, Northern Territory Correctional Services created a Clinical Services Branch to support the delivery of evidence based, professional services that address re-offending. This foundation supports and trains clinical staff to meet quality standards, creates programs that will work in the Northern Territory and leads efforts to reduce recidivism.

There were no specific costs for the establishment of the Clinical Services Branch, other than those associated with recruitment of staff.

**FTE staffing numbers**

Clinical Services Branch consists of clinical and project staff distributed across NTCS head office and the relevant operational areas:

- Alice Springs Correctional Centre;
- Darwin Correctional Centre;
- Community Corrections; and
- Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre.

Within the adult correctional centres these staff sit within the Prisoner Services areas.

In 2009-10, as at 30 June 2010, the FTE numbers for Clinical Services Branch were:

<b>Location</b>	<b>FTE</b>
Head Office and Sex Offending Services	5.57
Alice Springs Correctional Centre	2
Darwin Correctional Centre	11
Community Corrections	3.8
Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24.37</b>

**Supernumerary positions within the FTE staffing numbers and qualifications of those in supernumerary positions.**

As at 30 June 2010, there were two supernumerary positions within the Clinical Services Branch.

Of these positions, one was held by a staff member possessing a Masters in Psychology, while the other position holder possessed a Masters in Social Work.

**Clinical Services Branch budget for 2009-10 and 2010-11**

The Clinical Services Branch budget in 2009-10 was \$1.62M. The budget for 2010-11 is \$1.87M. This figure represents the combined head office, sex offending services and Community Corrections costs, and does not represent the costs associated with clinical staff located in the adult and juvenile custodial centres.