

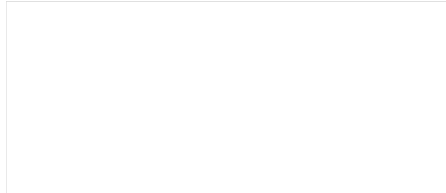
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Question : Prison Officers' Award Restructuring

Question Date : 23/11/93

Member : Mr BELL

To : MINISTER for CORRECTIONAL SERVICES



What is the estimated amount saved by the Department of Correctional Services in this financial year as a result of prison officers' award restructuring.

ANSWER

The award restructuring for both Prison Office Staff Associations conducted more than 2 years ago was never intended to save funds.

In fact, the calculations agreed upon between the parties and ratified by the Prisons Arbitral Tribunal included an increase in total cost due to the ACTU-endorsed productivity allowance accepted by the Northern Territory government.

The real saving is in more flexible manning levels and improved productivity throughout the system.

There is no estimated saving in the current financial year resulting from award restructuring for prison officers.