

PRISONS — IN-REACH INITIATIVE

**334. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Disability Services:**

I refer to the prison in-reach interim arrangements announced by the minister last year for people determined unfit to plead due to an intellectual or cognitive disability.

- (1) How many programs are currently operational?
- (2) What services are delivered by these programs?
- (3) Where are the programs operating?
- (4) How many people are receiving services from these programs?
- (5) How much has been spent on the delivery of these programs?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) The in-reach initiative is a single service tailored to the particular needs of the individual. To date the service response has included individual planning, psychological screening, transition planning and liaison with current and potential service providers.
- (3) The service is operating within the prison system and includes the following prisons, Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison, Wooroloo Prison Farm, Casuarina Prison, Acacia Prison.
- (4) Currently eight people are receiving services.
- (5) The Disability Services Commission has a team that is developing and implementing appropriate responses for current in-reach participants. When fully operational the in-reach team will include the in-reach coordinator, a speech pathologist, a clinical psychologist and a forensic psychologist. Other specialist staff will be engaged, as required. An initial budget of \$115 000 has been expended to date.