

PRISONS — MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

3954. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services

I refer to psychologists and mental health nurses employed by, or contracted to, the Department of Corrective services, and ask —

- (1) Please provide details of the number of FTE psychologists at each individual adult prison and juvenile detention facility for —
 - (a) 2006–07;
 - (b) 2007–08;
 - (c) 2008–09;
 - (d) 2009–10; and
 - (e) the current financial year?
- (2) Please provide details of the number of FTE mental health nurses at each individual adult prison and juvenile detention facility during —
 - (a) 2006–07;
 - (b) 2007–08;
 - (c) 2008–09;
 - (d) 2009–10; and
 - (e) the current financial year?
- (3) Will funding be provided in the 2010-2011 Budget for an increase in FTE psychologist positions within corrective services?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many more FTE will be funded?
- (5) At which facility or facilities will any additional psychologists be located?
- (6) Will funding be provided in the 2010-2011 Budget for an increase in FTE mental health nurse positions within corrective services?
- (7) If yes to (6), how many more FTEs will be funded?
- (8) At which facility or facilities will any additional mental health nurses be located?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) Psychologists for Youth Justice Services operate as team and provide a statewide service. Placement of individual positions is based on the needs of each detention and community based centre. In addition, Prison Counselling Services (PCS) are available at every prison in the state. This service is provided by a team of psychologists and social workers that provides counselling and support to offenders that are in crisis or at risk of self-harm or suicide.
 - (a) Prisons: 33 FTE. Youth Justice Services: 13.8 FTE.
Information on the specific location of counsellors for 2006/07 is not available as all counselling positions were budgeted under one operational function, rather than location, during this year.
 - (b) Prisons: 32 FTE. Youth Justice Services: 13.4 FTE
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 - (b) Prisons: 32 FTE. Youth Justice Services: 20.4 FTE.
Information on the specific location of counsellors for 2008/09 is not available as all counselling positions were budgeted under one operational function, rather than location, during this year.
 - (d) Prisons: Non-prison based counsellor — 1, Bandyup — 5, Hakea — 9, Casuarina — 8, Karnet — 1, Albany — 1.5, Broome — 1, Bunbury-2, Eastern Goldfields — 1, Greenough — 1, Roebourne — 1. Total: 32.

In addition during 2009/10 3.9 new positions were created; 2 at Hakea Prison, 1 at Bunbury Regional Prison, 0.5 at Albany Regional Prison and 0.4 at Pardelup Prison.

Youth Justice Services: 12.8 FTE.

- (e) Prisons: Non-prison based counsellor — 1, Bandyup — 5, Hakea — 11, Casuarina — 8, Karnet — 1, Albany — 2, Broome — 1, Bunbury — 3, Eastern Goldfields — 1, Greenough — 1, Roebourne — 1.5. Total: 35.9.

Effective 1 October 2010, a further 10 PCS positions were approved related to the creation of 640 new beds at Hakea, Casuarina and Albany prisons; Hakea — 4, Albany — 2, and Casuarina — 4. These positions will be progressively filled as the prison population increases.

Youth Justice Services: 15.4 FTE. For the current financial year 2010/2011 Youth Psychological Services has provided between four to six FTE across Banksia Hill Detention Centre and Rangeview Remand Centre.

- (2) (a) No data available.
(b) 22
(c) 24
(e) 21
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- (3) Yes. Funding was provided for an increase in FTE psychologist positions (youth justice services) for the 2010/11 budget.
- (4) 2
- (5) One was allocated to East and West Kimberley Regional Youth Justice Services. One was allocated to metropolitan centres.
- (6) No
- (7)–(8) Not applicable.