

PRISONS - INCARCERATION ALTERNATIVES

15. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services
- (1) How many alternatives to incarceration in prisons are there in Western Australia?
 - (2) What are these alternative methods?
 - (3) What are the relative costs per day for each of these alternatives?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (1) There are six alternatives to custody for adult offenders.
There are three alternatives to custody for juvenile offenders.

- (2) These alternative methods are:

Adults

Home detention bail (alternative to remand in custody);
Suspended imprisonment;
Conditional suspended imprisonment;
Work camps;
Re-entry release and
Parole

Juveniles

Supervised bail;
Conditional Release Order and
Supervised Release Order.

- (3) The cost rates provided below reflect actual performance for the 2007/08 financial year.

Alternatives Cost per day

Adults

Home Detention Bail \$53.95
Suspended Imprisonment nil
Conditional Suspended Imprisonment \$24.05
Work Camps \$285.27
Re-entry Release \$24.05
Parole \$24.05

The costs per day for community orders (Conditional Suspended Imprisonment, Re-entry Release and Parole) are the average costs of managing an adult offender on community supervision.

Juveniles

Supervised bail \$78.52
Conditional Release Order \$78.52
Supervised Release Order \$78.52

The costs per day for community orders (Supervised Bail, Conditional Release Order and Supervised Release Order) are average costs of managing a juvenile offender on community supervision.

The cost of managing adult and juvenile higher end orders would be greater than the average as more supervision is required.

The cost of keeping an offender in prison is \$272.91 per day.

The cost of keeping an offender in a juvenile custodial facility is \$473.78 per day.