

PRISONS — OFFENDER PROGRAMS

2472. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:

What programs are currently provided for adult prisoners:

- (a) for each of these programs what number of prisoners currently serving a sentence (expressed as both a raw figure and a percentage of the total) have been assessed as requiring that program; and
- (b) what number of prisoners are still yet to receive that program (expressed as both a raw figure and a percentage of the total number of prisoners assessed as requiring that particular program)?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

Department of Corrective Services (the Department) allocates resources to deliver rehabilitative programs in the areas of highest demand and risk. Programs can generally be separated into five categories:

1. Those that address risk factors associated with violence;
2. Cognitive skills;
3. General offending;
4. Sex offending; and
5. Substance use/addictions.

The programs available to prisoners provide them with an opportunity to better understand their offending behaviour and develop skills to avoid reoffending on their release from custody. As of 1 July 2014 the Department was delivering the following criminogenic programs to offenders in custodial settings.

1. Violent Offending

Individual Counselling

Medium Intensity Violence Program

Stopping Family Violence Program

Violent Offender Intensive

2. Cognitive Skills

Legal and Social Awareness Program

Reasoning and Rehabilitation Program

Think First Program

Think First Program (Sex Offending)

3. General Offending

Choice, Change and Consequences Program (CCC)

4. Sex Offending

Deniers Program

Indigenous Sex Offender Treatment Program

Individual Counselling

Intellectual Disabilities Program

Intensive Program

Medium Program

5. Addictions Offending

Aboriginal Educational Preventing and Managing Relapse Program

Drug Awareness Workshop

Female Group Program

Indigenous Men Managing Anger & Substance Use Program

Individual Counselling

Male Group Program

Pathways Program

Preventing and Managing Relapse Program

Relapse Prevention Workshop

Substance Abuse Education Program

On 1 July 2014, when the data for Table 1 was compiled, there were a total of 4061 sentenced adult prisoners in WA. This data was extracted from the Offender Population - State POPU (as at 01 July 2014). Of the 5243 total count, 1182 were remand prisoners and were removed to determine total sentenced prisoners. Please note that prisoners with an effective sentence length less than 6 months are not eligible for programs.

Prisoners will not be booked to a program for various reasons including - age (less than 20 years), alerts, appeals, denial, medical issues, mental health issues, non-English speaking, refusal of a program, refusal to participate, refusal to transfer, and due to their security ratings. The treatment needs and suitability/inclusion of prisoners in programs is reconsidered at their regular Individual Management Plan reviews.

The Department is currently reviewing the assessment practices that determine offender case management and program placement decisions. Work is underway to implement a new assessment process - this work involves the provision of training, governance for report and program allocation, and implementation of a monitoring a standards framework. The aim of this project is to review and replace the current assessment framework to provide effective rehabilitation and case management outcomes across custodial and community settings.

For parts (a) and (b) [See tabled paper no 1833.]