

PRISONER TREATMENT PROGRAMS — IMPRISONMENT TERM

**317. Hon LINDA SAVAGE to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

- (1) How many prisoners were serving custodial sentences of two years or fewer for the calendar year 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010?
- (2) How many of these prisoners undertook treatment programs?
- (3) What was the total number of programs these prisoners undertook?
- (4) Which specific treatment program was undertaken by the greatest number of prisoners in 2010?
- (5) Who was the provider of the treatment program undertaken by the greatest number of prisoners in 2010?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) There were 4 314 distinct prisoners who had a minimum expected sentence of two years or fewer, excluding prisoners who were serving time only for fine default, or suspension or cancellation of early release orders, during the 2010 calendar year.
- (2) The department is unable to answer this question in the time frame provided and requests the member put the question on notice.
- (3) The department is unable to answer this question in the time frame provided and requests the member put the question on notice.
- (4) The department collates data for offenders' participation in treatment programs by financial years, not calendar years. In 2009–10, the program with the greatest number of offenders was a prison-based cognitive skills program, Think First, with a total of 456 participants. Over the same period, the greatest number of program hours delivered was in the substance use program Pathways. Prisoners received more than 34 200 hours of program intervention through this program.
- (5) The department provides the Think First program across the state. The Pathways program was delivered by departmental staff and contracted agencies, including Cyrenian House; Holyoake; the Women's Health Service; South West Psychology Counselling and Training Services, Bunbury; and Regional Counselling and Mentoring Services, Albany.