

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS
2021-22 BUDGET ESTIMATES – ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

Department of Justice

Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:

5. I refer to page 428, in Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 2, the increase in spending year on year for Youth Justice Services, and I ask:

(a) How is that money allocated across the regions; and

Answer: Approximately 20% of the total Youth Justice Services budget is allocated to the regions to maintain current statutory service delivery and to deliver new Initiatives and programs and priorities. Services and programs to young people are provided across the regions including West Kimberley, East Kimberley, Pilbara, Mid-West Gascoyne, Goldfields and Southern Regional. Services provided include the following:

- supervision and support of young people on community dispositions
- management of young people on Juvenile Justice Team and Court Conferencing Referrals
- a youth bail service that provides limited short-term supervised accommodation as a last resort to custody for young people who have been given bail but have no-one to bail them and nowhere to go
- psychological support
- provision of programmatic interventions to young people by non-government organisations
- regional transportation of young people.

(b) What data is used to assess and inform where this money should be allocated?

Answer: The data used to allocate funds include FTE estimates, demand estimates (number of young people managed in the community) and external service provider costs.

Hon Steve Martin MLC asked:

1. I refer to page 429, 'A safe, secure and decent corrective services which contributes to community safety and reduces offenders' involvement in the justice system' of Budget Paper No. 2, Budget Statements, Volume 2, what programs are included in the item 'rate of return – offender programs'?

Answer: As per page 184 of the Department's Annual Report - The indicator refers to clinical intervention programs only and does not include programs relating to education and vocational training or life skills. The following programs are included in the item 'rate of return – offender programs':

- Pathways Program
- Think First Program
- Cognitive Brief Intervention
- Choice, Change and Consequences Program
- Intensive Sex Offending Treatment Program
- Medium Sex Offender Program
- Sex Offending Denier Program
- Intensive Violence Prevention Program
- Medium Intensity Program
- Stopping Family Violence Program

2. I refer to page 428, desired outcome 'A safe, secure and decent corrective services which contributes to community safety and reduces offenders' involvement in the justice system' of Budget Paper No. 2, Budget Statements, Volume 2:

- (a)-(b) Does the Department collect information on where offenders live after completing their term in custody;

Answer: Adult Community Corrections only record the address of those prisoners who are released from prison to a community supervision order. Prisoners released from prison to freedom have no requirement to provide a residential address as they are free citizens and no longer subject to a legal order.

- (c) If yes to a), how many people have been released from custody into homelessness in 2020-21?

Answer: If a prisoner released from prison on a community supervision order is homeless, Adult Community Corrections will provide information about temporary emergency accommodation options and assist with applications when necessary. Adult Community Corrections do not keep a statistical record of this cohort of offenders.

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