

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — NON-CUSTODIAL SENTENCING OPTIONS

6002. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Employment Protection representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- (1) Is the Government committed to early action in diverting young and first-time offenders away from criminal behaviour?
 - (2) Does the Minister acknowledge the critical role of non-custodial sentencing options?
 - (3) Does the Minister acknowledge that such options will only be effective if they are provided in a timely way and are properly resourced?
 - (4) Is the Minister aware that a lack of sufficient resources on the part of the Department for Corrective Services means that many offenders who are the subject of such orders have not been allocated to a Community Corrections Officer or Juvenile Justice Team, and are therefore not being supervised or case-managed?
 - (5) Will the Minister advise the House, in respect of both the Mining and Pastoral Region and the State as a whole —
 - (a) what is the total number of cases that have been referred to Community Justice Service Offices in Western Australia and are currently unallocated?
 - (b) how many adult offenders that are currently unsupervised are classified as High Risk?
 - (c) how many adult offenders that are currently unsupervised are classified as Medium Risk?
 - (d) how many adult offenders that are currently unsupervised are classified as Low Risk?
 - (e) how many juvenile offenders subject to Intensive Court Orders and Early Release Orders are currently unsupervised and/or unallocated to a case manager?
 - (f) how many paroled offenders are currently unable to access programs that they are required to complete under their release conditions?
 - (6) Has the Minister or the Department made any request for additional funding to support the proper resourcing of these vital services?
 - (7) If no to (6), why not?

Hon JON FORD replied:

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.
4. Presently all adult and juvenile offenders are subject to supervision and regular monitoring of their orders by Community Justice Services (CJS) branches in accordance with statutory obligations. CJS continues to assess and prioritise those cases which require a dedicated case manager.
5. (a) At 28 March 2008, the number of monitored cases state wide totals 1861.
At 28 March 2008, the number of monitored cases for the Mining and Pastoral Region is 543. These figures are subject to change on a daily basis.
5. (b-d) The request for specific statistical data relating to adult offender supervision levels is not readily available. To obtain such information would require a manual download and collation of information.
5. (e) At the 29 February 2008 there were 140 juvenile offenders subject to Intensive Court Orders and 25 subject to Early Release Orders. These orders are all subject to regular monitoring by CJS but do not have a dedicated Case Manager.
5. (f) A response is not available. Current departmental databases do not capture the information.
6. Yes. Temporary support and resourcing has been approved pending the outcome of Arbitration which commences on 14 April 2008.
7. Not applicable.