

Division 75: Corrective Services —

[Supplementary Information No B17.]

Question Mr P. Papalia asked: It was suggested that an individual within the internal investigations unit had found the target list. It was subsequently released to a number of people. As I understand it, that person's partner was on the target list. Did that person have any consequences? Is that person still in the internal investigations unit?

Answer: The Department of Corrective Services advises that the individual in question has never worked in the Internal Investigations Unit. They are currently employed by the Department of Corrective Services, Level 8, 141 St Georges Terrace Perth.

[Supplementary Information No B18.]

Question: Mr P. Papalia asked for comparison figures for the recidivism rate between 2008–09 and 2012–13.

Answer: The Department of Corrective Services (the Department) advises that the rate of return Key Performance Indicator (KPI) figure in the 2008/09 Annual Report of 39.53% is **NOT** comparable with the result in the 2011/12 Annual Report of 43.16%, as the counting rules had changed considerably. The former was the rate of return from **corrections to corrections**, whilst the latter was the rate of return from **prison to corrections for prisoners who had completed an offender program prior to exit**. This change in the Department's KPI was approved by Treasury for 2010/11 and has been used since.

However, the Department has recalculated the 2008/09 and 2009/10 based on the 2011/12 definitions and these are presented in the table below.

Below are the rate of return figures and explanations. The "Annual Report" column is what was reported in the annual report for each year. The "Using 2011/12 Annual Report counting rules column" is what the result for that year would have been if it were calculated on the same basis as the 2011/12 annual report results. i.e. The figures in that column are comparable with each other.

An overview of the counting rules and changes for each year are also provided in the table below.

The rate of return for 2008/09 when calculated on the basis of the current counting rules is 49.12%, as compared to the 2011/12 result of 43.16%.

| | Annual Report counting rules | Annual Report | Using 2011/12 Annual Report counting rules |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| 2008/09 | Counts distinct persons exiting from corrections (i.e. both from prison and community corrections) and returning to corrections | 39.53% | 49.12% |
| 2009/10 | Same as in 2008/09 | 39.75% | 52.62% |
| Change in counting rules | | | |
| 2010/11 | Exits from prison only and returns to corrections, for prisoners who had completed an offender program prior to exit. | 36.14% | 53.97% |
| Change in counting rules | | | |
| 2011/12 | As in 2010/11, but changed to now include returns where an early release order was cancelled but no other new offence had been committed. In 2010/11 these returns were excluded. This change was needed to remain consistent with National definitions, but had the expected effect of increasing the rate of return, as more returns now meet the criteria for being counted. | 43.16% | 43.16% |

[Supplementary Information No B19.]

Question: Ms M.M. Quirk asked: How many of the 79 inmates of the Boronia Pre-release Centre for Women are Aboriginal women?

Answer: The Department of Corrective Services advises that as at 21 August 2013, there were 10 Aboriginal (12.5%) and 70 Non-Aboriginal (87.5%) women located at Boronia Pre-Release Centre for Women (Boronia). The operational capacity at Boronia is 82.

[Supplementary Information No B20.]

Question: Dr A.D. Buti asked: How many applicants of Aboriginal descent applied to become either prison officers or youth custodial officers and how many of those applicants were successful?

Answer:

Prison Officers

The Department of Corrective Services (the Department) advises that for the 2013 recruitment process, there were 445 Prison Officer (PO) applications. Of the 445 PO applications, 11 (2%) were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applications.

Of these 445 PO applications, there were 59 (13%) successful applicants. Unfortunately, no Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island applicants met the minimum criteria for appointment.

Youth Custodial Officers

The Department advises that for the 2013 recruitment process, there were 246 Youth Custodial Officer (YCO) applications. Of the 246 YCO applications, 17 (3%) were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applications.

Of these 246 YCO applications, there were 29 (12%) successful applicants. One Aboriginal applicant was successful. Unfortunately, the remaining Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island applicants failed to meet the minimum criteria for appointment.

[Supplementary Information No B21.]

Question: Mr F.M. Logan asked: What amounts are paid by contract to Serco for the running of Wandoo, how many bands are there and what are those bands?

Answer: The Department of Corrective Services advises that the 2013/14 indexed Contract cost for the operation and maintenance of the Wandoo Reintegration Facility is \$12.2 million p.a. This is based on the projected fill rate through the 2013/14 year.

The bands are as follows:

| During Transition | Daily Average Population (DAP) reaches 48 |
|--------------------------|--|
| 0–12 | 0–48 |
| 13–24 | 49–54 |
| 25–36 | 55–60 |
| 37–48 | 61–66 |
| | 67–72 |
| | 73–80 |

Note: The transition bands cease once the DAP reaches 48 and are replaced by 6 operational bands.