

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Group 2**

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**Question No. 120**

**Senator Scullion asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs heard evidence in compiling Doing Time, Time for Doing that some states had created supervised bail programs to divert individuals from incarceration whilst awaiting trial.

- a) Which states are said programs being trialled in?
- b) Is there any available data determining the success or otherwise of these programs in reducing Indigenous incarceration?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The trials of supervised bail programs to divert individuals from incarceration whilst awaiting trial are within the participating States' area of responsibility. The Attorney-General's Department does not have information on which States have undertaken trials of such programs, or data on the outcomes or evaluations of these programs in reducing Indigenous incarceration rates.