

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 3

Question No: 430

Topic: Incarceration of Aboriginal People with Cognitive Impairment

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Senator Boyce asked:

How is it that Aboriginal people with a cognitive impairment who have been found unfit to plead / mentally impaired can be indefinitely incarcerated in jails and psychiatric institutions even though they have not been found guilty of any crime or been diagnosed with a psychiatric illness?

Answer:

This is a matter for the relevant state or territory jurisdiction. FaHCSIA will raise this issue with the appropriate state and territory agencies.