

Committee on Children and Young People
Public hearing – 14 May 2021

Responses to supplementary questions
Community Restorative Centre

Please find attached responses to both the questions on notice from my evidence and the supplementary questions. Both the recent evaluation of the CRC model (discussed at the Inquiry) which identifies outcomes for clients and best practice principles, and the evaluation of the Miranda project are attached. The CRC final evaluation is not yet public, although we are planning to launch it later this year. Answers to other supplementary questions are noted below.

1. What is the most someone can be reimbursed for travel to visit an imprisoned parent?

There isn't a hard maximum amount per application (although people are limited to one application per quarter). CRC can reimburse train, bus or taxi fares, mileage (cents/km) travelled by car (or plane), plus one night of accommodation up to \$110/night. The mileage is determined by the number of kilometres travelled but it is only claimable for travel within NSW. So if someone drives down from QLD, we have to calculate the number of kms from the border to the correctional centre. Where there are special circumstances we can approve an extra night of accommodation. The most we've paid on one application since 1 July 2019 was \$970.08 for 2 adults and one infant to fly from Sydney to Broken Hill & return and stay one night. That is super exceptional though. We don't reimburse airfares so we still would've used the cents/km calculation for this one. However our total for the whole FY is \$55K - normally we run out in March or April but this year we haven't because of COVID and no in person visits for so long.

2. Can you provide the Committee with a copy of the Miranda project evaluation report, or share some of its key findings?

Please see the report attached.

3. How many women is the Miranda Project currently able to support?

Right at the moment we have 20 women who are currently being supported with long term case management (at different stages starting, ending, in middle) and 6 short term/ brief clients who have only a few sessions. Then there are women who access the hub. Please see attached report for additional information about capacity.