

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 663**  
**Asked on 16 June 2004**

MR McNAMARA asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (Ms Spence)-

QUESTION:

- (1) What projects or works are being undertaken by prisoners through the Department of Corrective Services' Work Outreach Camps Program?
- (2) How many hours of work were completed by prisoners in the last 12 months?
- (3) What is the value of this work to the community?

ANSWER:

- (1) Prisoners from the Work Outreach Camps Program are currently undertaking 24 major activities or projects for the benefit of outback communities. These projects are:
  - Assisting the Blackall Council with its flood mitigation program
  - Construction of a walkway at the entrance to Boulia
  - Catering for the annual camel races and rodeo at Boulia
  - Maintenance of the showgrounds at Boulia
  - Clearing timber in the Warrego River at Charleville
  - General Maintenance of the Charleville town and surrounding community
  - Erection of a 21km boundary fence at Alpha Station near Charleville as part of the Drought Relief Program
  - Involvement in stage one of Pioneer Park at Clermont
  - Construction of a river walkway and picnic area at Riverbank Park, Dirranbandi
  - Construction of a BMX track for community use at Dirranbandi
  - Assisting with the annual "Dirt & Dust Festival" at Julia Creek
  - Construction of gardens and walkways at the Julia Creek Hospital
  - Historical Museum project - refurbish old rail carriages at Julia Creek
  - Project of re-landscaping and gardening of retirement village at Mitchell
  - Construction of a river walkway linking the caravan park to the Mitchell town centre
  - Maintenance of Springsure Creek
  - Construction of new amenities at Rolleston Sports Ground
  - Continuation of government funded walking trail at Springsure
  - General town beautification at Springsure
  - Continuation of the River Bank Park Project at St George. This Project was voted winner of the 2004 Australian Healthy Heart Program Award
  - Restoration of the Winton showgrounds
  - Extending perimeter fence at the Winton cemetery
  - Maintenance of the Hollow Log Park at Winton
  - Maintenance for Yuleba, Jackson, Wallumbilla and Roma townships.

- (2) In the 2003–2004 financial year, prisoners from the Western Outreach Camps Program performed approximately 60,000 hours of work for outback communities.
- (3) The estimated value of this work was \$900,000.