

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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From: Member for Araluen

To: Minister Ah Kit

Portfolio: Urban Housing

Agency: Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Subject: Installation of a gate at 4 Gnoilya Street, The Gap, Alice Springs

QUESTION:

When will the Minister install a gate at 4 Gnoilya Street, The Gap, for these vulnerable public housing tenants?

ANSWER:

A 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' (CPTED) assessment was carried out in 2024 at this location, along with a previous CPTED completed in October 2021 and lighting audit in March 2022.

Major works were undertaken in 2022 to improve lighting and fencing at the complex. The front boundary fence was upgraded to the current 'squash top' style fence.

A CPTED assessment was conducted in January 2024, finding that an automatic front gate could pose a safety risk due to the potential lack of access for emergency services caused by electrical or mechanical faults to the gate. The audit found that the potential safety risks outweighed the benefit of an automatic gate.

This decision was explained to residents during an engagement session about security in April 2024.

As a result of this engagement, the Department lodged work orders with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to upgrade all security screen doors to 'crimsafe' mesh, and to upgrade the footpaths and car park surface.