



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 39

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Uibo to Attorney-General:

Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility Consultation

Regarding your decision to lower the minimum age of criminal responsibility. Please advise what consultations occurred prior to and post the change with remote communities in the Territory, specifically:

1. Who did you consult?

The CLP made a clear, public policy commitment during the election to lower the age of criminal responsibility from 12 to 10.

2. Where did consultations occur?

Our plan to reduce crime was one of the key commitments in our election campaign. Consultation and engagement on this policy change were clearly demonstrated throughout the 2024 election.

3. When did the consultation occur?

Our plans were communicated directly to Territorians during the campaign, and it was reiterated that, if elected, the age would be lowered in the first week of Parliament.

This government is laser-focused on delivering the promises we made to Territorians. This change should not come as a surprise to anyone who voted in the August 2024 election.