

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Territory Families:

#### **Child and Family Centre Services in Town Camps**

In 2021 the Northern Territory government entered into a five year contract with Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation to deliver Child and Family Centre services in Town Camps in Central Australia.

**1. How many of these Child and Family Centre's are currently operational?**

**ANSWER:**

7, soon to be 8.

**2. In which Town Camps are these Child and Family Centre's services currently operational?**

**ANSWER:**

- Hidden Valley,
- Larapinta Valley,
- Trucking Yards,
- Warlpiri,
- Charles Creek,
- Karnte,
- Little Sisters Town Camps and,
- Abbots Camp, shortly.

**3. What is the current budget for running these Child and Family Centre services?**

**ANSWER:**

\$2.7 million for 5 years from April 2021.

**4. What infrastructure was put in place to establish and run these Child and Family Centre services? Please provide a break down by individual Town Camps.**

**ANSWER:**

Tangentyere is utilising the existing Community Centre infrastructure to co-locate the CFC service alongside other Tangentyere program and services.

The NT Government has supported some upgrades to some of these facilities.

**5. How much was expended on establishing and running these Child and Family Centre services in 2021/2022?**

**ANSWER:**

Tangentyere was granted \$300,000 in 2020-21 to establish the service and \$600,000 in operational funding in 2021-22.

COVID-19 impacts delayed the establishment of the service, meaning the \$300,000 establishment funding was rolled over to 2021-22.

As a result of this delay, the service wasn't operational until May 2022, meaning the \$600,000 operation funding from 2021-22 was carried over into 2022-23.

**6. How much was expended on establishing and running these Child and Family Centre services in 2022/2023?**

**ANSWER:**

In 2022-23, Tangentyere received \$600,000 in operational funding to deliver CFC services in the Town Camps.

**7. What services are being offered in these Child and Family Centre's? Please provide a break down by individual Town Camps.**

**ANSWER:**

Tangentyere has taken an integrated approach to the delivery of internal programs from the Community Centres, which includes the CFC service.

Programs such as the Early Childhood Education, Land and Learning, Womens/Mens/Youth Family Safety Groups, Girls Can Boys Can and Intensive Family Support are working with the CFC Service Connectors to achieve a broad range of service connections, responses and outcomes for families, children and residents.

Located at each Community Centre/Coordination Hub are 5 specialist family and service coordination staff including a Community Centre Coordinator, Service Coordinator Worker, Youth Worker, Local Town Camp Community Worker and a CFC Service Connector.

The CFC Service Connector Program, which is place-based and co-delivered through Town Camp Community Centres, has allowed for higher quality outcomes for Town Camp Families.

**8. How many people accessed these services in 2021/2022? Please provide a break down by individual Town Camps.**

**ANSWER:**

In 2021-22 due to COVID19 related issues, CFC services were restricted.

**9. How many people accessed these services in 2022/2023? Please provide a break down by individual Town Camps.**

**ANSWER:**

For the FY 2022/23 there was a total of 1697 service enquiries responded to from over 200 households with linkages to 70 services, programs and agencies.