

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

New Youth Justice Centre at Holtze

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) awarded a tender for \$55 million to Halikos Pty Ltd to build the new Youth Justice Centre at Holtze.

Questions:

- 1. Has the current development had any project or design variations to-date?**

Yes.

- 2. If so, what are these project variations and their related costs?**

Project variations can be attributed to matters including scope and design. Details remain Commercial-in-Confidence as the contract is still in progress.

- 3. How will these variations impact on the final cost of the project?**

Funding is allocated based on matters such as scope and design.

- 4. How will these project variations impact on the timeline for this project?**

The operational requirements of a detention centre are of foremost consideration in scheduling project works.

- 5. How many beds will be included in the new facility?**

Operational requirements will direct bed numbers in the new facility.

- 6. Have there been any variations in the number of beds planned for the new facility? If so, what are these variations and their related costs?**

Please see Question 2.

- 7. Is this a maximum capacity or is there capacity to increase the number of beds if required?**

Please see Question 5.

- 8. Have there been any variations to the maximum capacity for the new facility? If so, what are these variations and their related costs?**

Please see Question 7.

- 9. How many jobs have been created during the construction phase?**

Around 400 jobs will be supported through the Alice Springs and Darwin youth detention centre projects.

- 10. How many permanent staff will work in the new facility once it is completed and operational? How many are working at the current facility?**

This question should be referred to the Minister for Territory Families.

- 11. What is the expected annual operational cost of the facility once it is open? What is the annual operational cost of the current facility?**

Please see Question 10.

- 12. Apart from project variations, have there been any other reasons for delays or cost variations in this construction project?**

Please see Question 4.

- 13. What is the expected completion date, and when will the new facility become operational?**

Please see Question 12.

- 14. The Minister for Territory Families is quoted to have said “it would adopt a more therapeutic model of care”. What facilities or services will the new Youth Justice Centre provide to youth in the facility that differ from the current model of care?**

Please see Question 10.