

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Carney

to Minister for Justice and Attorney-General

Juvenile detention centre in Alice Springs

I would be grateful if you would provide the answers to the following questions in relation to the Justice Department's Budget for 2004-05. In order to assist you, please note that this question relates to output group: **3.0 Correctional Services (3.3: Juvenile Detention)**.

1. The number of juveniles in custody in the Northern Territory is relatively low, however juveniles in Alice Springs need to be held in custody in Darwin –
 - (a) Is it the case that Labor announced since coming to office that it would build a juvenile detention centre in Alice Springs;
 - (b) If so, why have plans been changed; and
 - (c) If it was never intended to build such a facility, will Government consider doing so, and if not, why not.

ANSWER