

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

**Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre Redevelopment**

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) awarded a tender for \$13 million to Asbuild (NT) Pty Ltd to undertake the upgrade, refit and refurbishment of the Alice Springs Justice Centre.

**Questions:**

- 1. Has the current redevelopment 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?**

An appropriate model of staged construction has been agreed to by DIPL and the Department of Territory Families, Housing & Communities.

- 5. This project was originally scheduled to be completed in mid-2022. Why was this extended to early 2023?**

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

- 6. How many youth on remand in Alice Springs were transferred to Don Dale for the redevelopment period, and for how long?**

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

- 7. What was the additional cost incurred for the transfer to Don Dale and how many youths will eventually transfer back to the refurbished facility?**

Please see Question 6.

- 8. How many beds will be included in the upgraded facility?**

The new works will increase the number of beds in the facility by four to have a total of 22 beds.

- 9. Have there been any variations to the number of beds for the refurbished facility? If so, what are these variations and their related costs?**

There have been no variations to the number of beds.

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

Operational requirements will be a key concern in determining centre capacity.

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

Please see Question 10.

- 12. 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.

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

Please see Question 6.

- 14. What is the expected operational cost of the refurbished facility once it is complete? What is the annual operational cost of the facility currently?**

Please see Question 6.

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

Please see Questions 4 and 5.

- 16. What is the expected completion date and when will the refurbished facility become operational?**

Please see Question 5.

- 17. Once completed, will the refurbished Alice Springs Justice Centre offer the same level of facilities that the new Holtze Youth Justice Centre will provide? Please explain how and why services and facilities will differ.**

Please see Question 6.