

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY****WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Territory Families:

**Detention Centres — Official Visitors****1. Who are the official visitors for the Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre (ASYDC) and Don Dale Youth Detention Centre (DDYDC)?**

- Jane Anlezark (DDYDC)
- Elsabe Bott (DDYDC)
- Deanna Roberts (DDYDC)
- Joanne Riggs (ASYDC)
- Russell Goldflam (ASYDC)
- The third Official Visitor (OV) for ASYDC is currently being finalised for the Minister's appointment.

**2. How many visits have they made this year?**

- DDYDC has had 11 OV visits.
- ASYDC has had 4 OV visits due to reduced capacity until May 2024. It is noted however that ASYDC OV's also visited DDYDC during this period.

**3. What issues have they outlined in their reports?**

- The length of time the refurbishment took and the impact on the young people being detained at DDYDC.
- The Centre Cycle not being appropriate for the ages of the cohort in detention and the various periods that young people were remanded.
- Young people's participation in the programs and activities that they and their families have been informed of and consented to.
- That the ongoing health care of young people be monitored when they exit detention so that follow up appointments for hearing, eyes etc. are met and medication cycles are completed as required.
- The procedure by which young people are accommodated so that they are safe within accommodation blocks.
- Confirmation of the trauma informed care for highly complex young people who are standard on the Centre Cycle due to causing serious incidents.
- The Centre Cycle not being appropriate for the ages of the cohort in detention and the various periods that young people were remanded.
- That young people with a diagnosis receive appropriate treatment and services in the centre and when they exit.
- The infrastructure not being fit for young people to receive trauma informed care.
- That the education program should include hands on activities and real-life scenarios that are appropriate to young people learning life skills and completing curriculum tasks.