

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

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Territory Families:

Regarding Written Question 608

Please provide a response to Written Question 608 that includes information for the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23, and the 2023-24 reporting period?

Please note, the answers below pertain to the 2022-23 financial year and is supplementary to Written Question 608, which provided information pertaining to the 2023-24. reporting period. The Department was unable to provide the relevant information for the 2021- 22 financial year.

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

- Karen Heenan (ASYDC)
- Joanne Riggs (ASYDC)
- Russell Goldflam (ASYDC)
- Jane Anlezark (DDYDC)
- Elsabe Bott (DDYDC)

2. How many visits have they made this year?

- ASYDC had 16 OV visit
- DDYDC had 18 OV visits

3. What issues have they outlined in their reports?

- Attention needed on gender specificity in programs.
- Data management around at risk youth and clinical assessments.
- Risks arising from tensions between youth / conflict management
- Maintenance, including graffiti, infrastructure condition
- Need for faster medical assessments on entry
- Dissatisfaction with food
- Poor communication with youth by officers
- Lack of stimulation
- Centre cycle management
- Education delivery in rooms not classroom
- Through care
- Staff shortages
- Access to phone calls
- High numbers in detention
- Various program and provider queries