



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 53

## WRITTEN QUESTION

K McNamara to the Minister of Children and Families, Hon Robyn Cahill OAM MLA:

### Youth Crime Prevention

1. **What evidence-based preventions have you implemented or are looking to implement to address the structural causes of youth crime?**

The Northern Territory Government supports a broad range of evidence-based services, programs and grants aimed at addressing the structural causes of youth crime.

These include family and caregiver education and support; prevention and early intervention of domestic, family and sexual violence; homelessness and housing support; programs aimed at improving youth engagement with education and training; place-based youth diversion; programs to address volatile substance and alcohol and other drug misuse by care givers and/or young people; child health checks and disability screening, assessment and referral; and positive opportunities for youth engagement in the community.

2. **Strong health and family support services are significant early prevention drivers, what investments in greater community health services is your government committing to?**

This is a question for the Minister for Health, the Hon Steven Edgington MLA.

3. **What support, caregiver training or education is your government providing to vulnerable parents in order to prevent children from being disengaged and turn towards crime?**

Programs directly targeted at supporting adult care givers include: maternal and early childhood programs; Team Around the Learner case management framework; the Literacy for Parents program; the Circle of Security Parenting program; Family Support programs and the Remote Family Support program; the Families as First Teachers program; the Strengthening Families program; youth diversion and the Circuit Breaker program.

4. **What occupational therapy-based programmes are currently available to youths and families in the justice system to develop skills in becoming productive community members after their first offence?**

This is a question for the Minister for Corrections, the Hon Gerard Maley MLA.

5. **What supports are you giving paediatric occupational therapists, psychologists, behaviour specialists, in the Northern Territory to develop the relevant skills and knowledge to support children and families in the justice system?**

This is a question for the Minister for Health, the Hon Steven Edgington MLA.