ESTIMATES COMMITTEEQuestion Taken on Notice

Date: 13/06/2019

Subject: Sale of horticultural produce from prisons

From: Mr Gerry Wood

To: Hon Natasha Fyles

Agency: The Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Number: 4-14

Question:

Minister, are the horticultural sections of Holtze prison and Alice Springs Correctional Centre selling produce off-prison? If not, has that been a decision of the Correctional Advisory Council or has it been based on the principle of competitive neutrality?

Answer:

Neither the Darwin Correctional Centre horticulture section nor the Alice Springs Correctional Centre horticulture sections sell produce off prison.

The Darwin Correctional Centre ceased selling produce to wholesalers in the Northern Territory as a result of the Commonwealth Government introducing a Horticultural Produce Agreement.

The Alice Springs Correctional Centre does not sell produce off prison due to it being uneconomically viable.