



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 329

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Justine Davis to the Minister for Corrections, Hon Gerard Maley MLA:

### **Cognitive Neuropsychological Assessments in Corrections**

1. From 28 August 2024 to the date these questions are lodged, what has the Department of Corrections done to facilitate cognitive, multidisciplinary and other neuropsychological assessments for young people in the youth justice system?
  - a. Which providers have conducted these assessments, and where are they based?
  - b. Are assessments conducted in person, by telehealth, or both?
  - c. For young people from Central Australia, including the Alice Springs region and surrounding communities serviced from Alice Springs, what is the average road distance travelled by a young person to attend an assessment? Please identify assessments conducted by telehealth separately.
  - d. Has the Department taken steps to employ or contract its own multidisciplinary assessment team? If so, what steps have been taken and when?
  - e. What were the average, median and range of the time, in calendar days, between a court ordering or requesting an assessment and the completed report being provided to the court, and how many assessments were included in these calculations?
  - f. Please provide the number of young people assessed, broken down by gender, age group — 10–13, 14–15 and 16–17 years — and whether they were from the Top End or Central Australia, including totals, and identify any figures that have been suppressed because publishing them may risk identifying a young person.

- g. For each provider, what were the average, median and range of the time, in calendar days, between the court ordering or requesting an assessment and the completed report being provided to the court, and how many assessments were included in these calculations?