

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Giles to Minister for Correctional Services.

Don Dale Juvenile Facility in Berrimah

With regard to the Don Dale Juvenile Facility in Berrimah:

1. How many complaints have ever been lodged by Don Dale inmates and former inmates?

NT Correctional Services advise records are available from 1999 onwards.

From 1999 to September 2011 there were 62 complaints.

2. How many of these complaints were related to alleged sexual and or physical abuse? Please provide a breakdown of these according to the status of the alleged perpetrator, whether they were a prison officer, fellow inmate or other and the year in which the alleged incident occurred.

Year of alleged incident	Nature of complaint	Alleged Perpetrator
01/02	Alleged assault	Youth worker
10/11	Alleged assault	Youth worker
10/11	Alleged sexual assault	Female detainee on female detainee

3. What actions have been taken in response to these complaints and allegations and what were the outcomes of these actions.

All allegations were referred to Northern Territory Police.

In the incidents involving Youth Workers, employment ceased.

4. What measures have been put into place to ensure that these types of incidents do not occur into the future?

All complaints of alleged assault are referred to NT Police. Individual counselling is provided and referrals are made to anger management programs.

All complaints of alleged sexual assault are referred to the NT Police Child Abuse Taskforce. In such incidents, both the alleged victim and perpetrator are offered individual counselling.
