

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Territory Families:

Child and Family Centres

The KPI of new child and family centres in the 2022/23 Budget Paper 3, page 158 fell short of its target. Note 11 on the same page states this is due to 'ongoing consultations with local decision-makers and COVID-19 related restrictions'.

1. Which planned centres were delayed due to ongoing consultations with local decision makers? When will these be delivered?
2. Which planned centres were delayed due to COVID-19 related restrictions? When will these be delivered?

ANSWER:

Child and Family Centres fall within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Youth, the Hon Lauren Moss MLA. The following information has been sourced through Minister Moss.

The Child and Family Centre in Gapuwiyak was scheduled for establishment in the 2021-22 financial year but was not established due to local stakeholders prioritising COVID-19 responses in 2021 and by extended community discussions regarding the preferred proponent and partner organisations.

The centre is expected to be contracted in early 2023.

Each Child and Family Centre is established in partnership with local communities through a local decision making approach. The Northern Territory Government has been working with the community and local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations in Gapuwiyak since late 2020 to establish the centre.

The centre is expected to be contracted in early 2023.

Please direct any future questions relating to Child and Family Centres to the Minister for Youth.