

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Bohlin to Minister for Correctional Services:

Rehabilitation Services provision at New Prison

1. What entities are going to provide the compulsory rehabilitation and treatment services proposed as part of the initiatives announced to complement the new prison precinct at Holtze.
2. Will these services be situated within the prison precinct and if not, where will they be situated.

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**ANSWER**

Service providers for external training and rehabilitation programs run at the new Darwin prison precinct will be determined through a standard Government procurement process.

The Government is also constructing and/or funding 45 rehabilitation and supported accommodation beds across Alice Springs, Darwin and Katherine.

These beds will be managed by non-government organizations, to be determined through a standard Government procurement process.

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**Home Detention Verification by Voice Recognition**

3. Voice Recognition for identification of individuals is proposed for home detention. What evidence is there that supports the use of voice recognition technology.
4. How will that process for determining compliance with detention orders be able to be used in remote locations.

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**ANSWER**

The voice recognition system will be an additional monitoring option for offenders and parolees serving their sentence or parole period.

Voice recognition is currently used in, and has proved successful in both South Australia and New Zealand as a means of monitoring offenders' compliance with court orders. It operates through designated land lines or satellite phones in set locations, such as a police station, and can include internet interface, such as a web camera.

Voice recognition and other electronic monitoring equipment provide a secure monitoring system, greatly improving procedures in areas where face-to-face checks can be difficult.