

# WRITTEN QUESTIONS

## 7th Assembly

20/05/1996

126. Alice Springs Gaol Costs

Ms. MARTIN to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

### QUESTION

1. Have locks on certain cells at the Alice Springs Gaol been changed because of design or other failures; if so:
  - (a) what were the failures;
  - (b) was there any effect on the total project cost; and
  - (c) if the answer to question 1(b) is yes, what was the cost.
2. Has the design of the prison education areas within the Alice Springs Gaol been altered because of prison officer safety or other considerations; if so:
  - (a) what were the failures;
  - (b) was there any effect on the total project cost; and
  - (c) if the answer to question 2(b) is yes, what was the cost.
3. Have the internal temperatures of any section of the Alice Springs Gaol project been checked; if so:
  - (a) what were the results of these checks;
  - (b) what works has been carried as a result of those checks; and
  - (c) have these works added to the total cost of the project and to what extent.
4. Have any other design problems of the Alice Springs Gaol been identified as requiring alteration since the announcement of the project by the then Minister in 1992; and if so, what is the effect on any alterations to the total cost of the project.
5. Has any other work on the Alice Springs gaol been carried out to correct faults or design or other problems; if so, what is the total cost for each alteration and the effect on the total project cost.

### ANSWER

Answered on 22/08/96

1. a) Some locks were damaged during testing because they were fitted with the builders cylinder, but as these cylinders are now being replaced by the security cylinders no such damage can occur in the future.

- b) Total cost to project was limited to repair costs only.
  - c) Total cost of repair to locks was less than \$500.00.
2. The design of the prison education area has not been changed. Some door locks were installed back to front and have been re-installed correctly at nil cost to the project.
3. Yes
- a) the results were;  
  
Summer day - During the summer months December to February day time temperatures can reach 40C. It is anticipated that cell temperatures will vary between 15C and 30C during this period.  
  
Winter day - During the winter months of June to August there are periods of up to two weeks when the maximum ambient temperatures do not exceed 20C with a minimum temperature around or below zero.  
  
During these periods it is anticipated the overnight cell temperature would vary from 10C to 13C and a daytime temperature may not rise above 17C.
  - b) No work has been carried out as a result of these tests.
  - c) No.
4. The only design problems to be identified at the Alice Springs Prison since 1992, were those associated with the compliance required by the Northern Territory Fire Service.  
  
The total effect in adding these additional requirements has been \$40,000 to date with a final cost of approximately \$100,000 anticipated.
5. The only work carried out to correct faults or design has been variations resulting from errors or omissions in the documentation.  
  
Errors, additions and modifications caused by documentation error has added \$208,000 to the project totally.