

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Territory Families and Urban Housing:

Provision of Youth Services over summer 2021/22

Whilst we are only one week into summer, there are already reports of up to 100 youths on the streets of Alice Springs at night, and as summer proceeds this number is expected to increase.

1. What is the plan for keeping children off the streets of Alice Springs at night over this summer period?
2. What is the current status of the plan to establish youth centres on Town Camps in Alice Springs, in collaboration with Tangentyere Council?
3. If the plan to establish youth centres on Town Camps has been scrapped, what is the alternative plan?
4. If the plan to establish youth centres in Town Camps has been scrapped, will there be any centres which will be open 24/7 over the summer period? If so, please provide details as to where these will be located and which organisations will be providing these services.
5. Will the Gap Youth Centre and Brown Street Facility be considered as alternatives in providing 24/7 services to youth over the summer period?
6. If so, have the Gap Youth Centre and/or Brown Street received any additional funding to run these extra programs?
7. Is there any consideration being given to imposing a curfew for children, given the serious Child Protection issues associated with children roaming the streets at all hours of the night?