

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Territory Families:

#### Youth Programs

1. How much has the NT Government invested into youth programs in Alice Springs?
2. What programs are being funded?
3. How much funding is being allocated to each program?
4. Over what time frame is the investment?

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*The table provided at Attachment A provides details of funding arrangements for youth programs in Alice Springs. This includes information to respond to all four questions.*

The Northern Territory Government has commenced significant reforms for family support, child protection and youth justice systems and services across the entire Northern Territory, including in Alice Springs. The establishment of the Territory Families department is an example of operationalising a new 'whole-of-life' approach to supporting families, which also includes placing child protection and youth justice within a broader framework of prevention and early intervention.

The Northern Territory Government supports the provision of after-hours services to youths in regional locations. Work is ongoing to improve both universal and targeted services in this space.

On 8 February 2017, the Northern Territory Government announced an \$18.2M annual investment in a Youth Justice Reform Strategy aimed at breaking the cycle of youth crime across the Northern Territory.

The 2017-18 Budget Paper 3 highlights that funding has been allocated to the following non-custodial programs in 2017-18:

- \$4.950M for Wilderness Camps and Diversion Programs (including Victim-Offender Conferencing);
- \$4.866M for Bail Support Services;
- \$200K for Driver Training Referrals; and
- \$8.049M for the Youth Outreach Re-Engagement Teams. In Alice Springs there is a dedicated Youth Outreach Re-Engagement Team in the newly refurbished building on Railway Terrace.

Additional funding of ~~-\$1.75M~~ from 2017-18 to 2019-20 has been allocated as an election commitment to improve after-hours services in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.

Territory Families is continuing to work closely with the Department of the Chief Minister and local service providers to collaboratively ensure a co-ordinated approach to youth services in Alice Springs. The establishment of a Youth Programs Co-ordinator role will guide these efforts. Negotiations for programs to operate over the summer are in the final stages.

## Attachment A

### Details of funding arrangements for youth programs in Alice Springs at 16 August 2017

ORGANISATION	SERVICE	ACTUAL CONTRACT START DATE	CURRENT CONTRACT END DATE	Total Funding
Alice Springs Town Council (in partnership with Central Australian Aboriginal Congress)	After-Hours Youth Night Patrol	28/10/2016	30/09/2017	\$349,000
Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre Inc.	Saturday Night Educational /Recreation Activities Program 2017	1/11/2015	2/09/2017	\$107,200
Anglicare NT Ltd	Intensive Youth Support Service - Alice Springs	1/07/2016	30/06/2018	\$1,087,306
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation (in partnership with Alice Springs Council)	Alice Springs After-Hours Youth Service (case management for youth night patrol)	18/10/2016	30/09/2017	\$456,000
Red Dust Role Models Ltd	Strong Young Women's Program (Health Literacy)	1/07/2015	30/06/2018	\$200,000

## Attachment A

Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	Alice Springs School Holiday Program	1/12/2014	2/02/2018	\$95,000
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	Domestic and Family Violence Children's Service to Aboriginal Youth (12-17 years)	1/12/2015	30/06/2018	\$878,373
The Gap Youth & Community Centre Aboriginal Corporation	Provision of After- Hours & School Holiday Program	1/07/2016	31/12/2017	\$246,000
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation	Alice Springs - Provision of Social and Emotional Wellbeing Service (Royal Commission)	17/09/2016	22/12/2017	\$454,000
Relationships Australia	Youth Diversion Program	1/07/2015	30/06/2018	\$1,177,129
Relationships Australia	Therapeutic Services for Children	01/07/17	30/06/18	\$312,733