

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Territory Families:

Royal Commission Progress Report

I refer to the Government document titled 'First Progress Report, November 2018':

1. Which recommendations are 'well progressed'? Please list by Recommendation number.
2. Which recommendations are 'not yet started'? Please list by Recommendation number.
3. Out of the 'completed recommendations':
 - a. 10.01: Are any detainees residing in the High Security Unit? Are there security cameras in the girls' ablution block?
 - b. 11.05: What are the visiting hours at Don Dale and Alice Springs Youth Detention centres?
 - c. 14.01: On how many occasions if youths have been separated for over three hours have they been denied opportunities to exercise?
 - d. 20.02: How many current detention centre staff hold a Cert IV in Youth Justice? How many do not?
 - e. 32.02: In your audit of notification outcomes, how many cases were unfairly screened out?
 - f. 41.01: Since what date has the NT been compliant with the Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Sets? Is the NT compliant with Child Protection National Minimum Data Sets?
 - g. 43.06: Why is the Reform Management Office run out of Territory Families? Isn't this a contravention of this recommendation?
4. On how many occasions has approval from the CEO been sought to separate detainees for a period exceeding 12 hours, as required under section 155A of the *Youth Justice Act* (NT)?

5. On how many occasions has the superintendent authorised separation for a period between 8 and 12 hours?
6. On how many occasions have detainees been confined to their cells for periods over 20 hours?
7. On average for how many hours per day is a detainee confined to their room, for operational matters (e.g. staff break, shift change etc)?
8. How many hours have youth spent in a Police Watch House due to incidents at detention centres?
9. In light of incidents at Don Dale in November 2018, how much more will the Government expend on fix and make safe works?
10. Since the damage to a classroom building on 7 November 2018, how has delivery of education programs been affected?
11. Have locations been chosen for the 10 remaining Child and Family centres? If so where?
12. Recommendation 3.2 of the Royal Commission is that Land Councils convene a forum of male children and elders to review ceremonial practices affecting health and rights of the child. What is government doing to work with the Land Councils to convene this forum?
13. How many young people who reside in Alice Springs / Central Australia have been placed in Detention at Don Dale:
 - a. Immediately?
 - b. Have been moved to Don Dale due to overcrowding in Alice Springs?
14. How are youth transported from Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre and Don Dale Youth Detention Centre?
 - a. What is the average cost per detainee for transport?
15. On how many occasions has CS Gas been used in a detention centre between 16 November 2017 –16 November 2018? (Rec 13.03)?
16. In the 17/18 financial year, what percentage of detainees had Mental Health Plans?
17. Have weekly literacy programs in Aboriginal language been delivered in Detention Centres?

18. How many days of annual leave have been taken by Youth Justice Officers in the 17/18 Financial Year?
19. How many Youth Justice Officers or other persons have suffered harm or injury within Detention Centres between November 2017 and November 2018? Please list by types of injury?
20. What is the Membership of the Youth Advisory Committee? How many fortnightly meetings with the Superintendent have occurred?
21. Apart from the 1800 BAILED hotline, what other electronic means of explaining bail and reminding young people of their bail obligations have been investigated by Territory Families? (Rec 25.16)
22. How many calls are received to the 1800 BAILED line per day, on average? Per week? What is the average and longest hold time for calls to the number?
23. Have you released a tender to renovate the Alice Springs Local Court to include a multi-purpose court room for matters relating to children and young people? Is this renovation separate to the promise in the *Safe, Thriving and Connected* plan of a new Youth and Children's Court Facility in Alice Springs?
24. In your progress report one of the 'next major milestones' is to draft and introduce the next round of priority legislative amendments. What amendments are these? Please answer with reference to Royal Commission recommendations.
25. How many meetings of the Tripartite Forum have occurred? Please list by date and location. Are Minutes of the Meetings publicly available?
26. What are the three 'Local Decision Making' Agreements that are referred to in the progress report?