

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Territory Families

Appropriation Bill – Territory Families

1. Please provide copies of:
 - All questions, which have been received from the public in relation to the Estimates process and consideration of the Appropriation Bill for the 2017/18 financial year; and
 - The answers to those questions that were presented to the Estimates Committee.

Please provide the information requested below for the Department of Attorney-General and Justice and the Department of Health, as at 31 March 2017.

TERRITORY FAMILIES

Please accept apologies if questions are not under the correct Output. Where this is the case, it would be appreciated if you could indicate the appropriate Output in your response. Thank You.

OUTPUT GROUP: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

OUTPUT: CHILD PROTECTION

1. How many child protection notifications have been received since 1 September 2016?
 - a. How many of these were screened for investigation?
 - b. How many total notifications were referred to an NGO provider for support?
 - c. Of those not screened for investigation, how many were referred to an NGO provider for support?
 - d. How many were neither screened for investigation nor referred to an NGO provider for support?

OUTPUT: OUT OF HOME CARE

1. How many children are currently in out of home care?
2. How many children have been placed in out of home care since 1 September 2016?
3. How many children are currently in kinship care?
4. How many children have been placed in kinship care since 1 September 2016?
5. How many children are currently in residential care facilities?
6. How many children have been placed in residential care facilities since 1 September 2016?
7. How many children have been adopted in the Northern Territory since 1 September 2016?
 - a. How many were from overseas?
 - b. How many were from other parts of Australia?
 - c. How many were from the Northern Territory?
8. How many children are currently on a protection order in the following categories:
 - a. Short-term?
 - b. Long-term?
 - c. Adjourment?

OUTPUT: FAMILY SUPPORT

1. How many total families as first teachers sites are operating?
 - a. How many new sites were established since 1 September 2016 and what are their locations?
2. How many sites have ceased operation since 1 September 2016?

OUTPUT: YOUTH JUSTICE

1. When will the review of the Youth Justice Act be complete?
 - a. Will the new planned youth justice facility and MODE report be considered under the review?

- b. Will the Royal Commission's findings be considered under the review?
2. Between 1 September 2016 and 31 March 2017, how much has been spent on repairs, refurbishments, renovations and upgrades to the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre?
3. Between 1 September 2016 and 31 March 2017, how much has been spent on repairs, refurbishments, renovations and upgrades to the Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre?
4. Has a site been identified for a new youth detention centre in Darwin?
5. Why have funds not been budgeted to commence works on a new youth detention centre in Darwin? How soon is 'as soon as possible'
 - a. Will it be included in the 2018-19 budget?
6. Will the second extension of the Royal Commission delay the commencement of a new youth detention centre in Darwin?
7. Will the Royal Commission findings be considered as part of the Outline Design Brief provided by MODE for a new Darwin detention centre.
8. What is the estimated cost of the youth detention centre proposed by MODE?
9. Which NGOs will receive additional funding to tackle youth crime? Which will not receive additional funding?
10. What are the funding criteria for the NGOs being enlisted to tackle youth crime? How were the successful NGOs chosen and which ones were excluded?
11. How many additional victim conferences have been conducted since March 2017?
 - a. How many of the offenders involved in the conferences have reoffended since?
 - b. How many of the offenders involved in the conferences have not reoffended since?
12. How many Youth Justice Officers are currently working at Don Dale Youth Detention Centre and Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre?
 - a. How many are currently on temporary contract?
 - b. How many are permanently employed?

- c. How many have separated – either through retirement, resignation or termination, since March 2017
- 13. Of the 25 Youth Justice Officers recruited in March 2017, how many completed the six week training?
 - a. How many are currently on temporary contract?
 - b. How many are permanently employed?
 - c. How many have separated – either through retirement, resignation or termination, since March 2017
- 14. How many youth are currently being detained at Don Dale Youth Detention Centre?
 - a. How many are on remand and how many have been sentenced?
 - b. How many are being detained for breach of bail?
 - c. Of those sentenced, how many have been in detention before?
 - d. Of those on remand, how many have been in detention before?
- 15. How many youth are currently being detained at Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre?
 - a. How many are on remand and how many have been sentenced?
 - b. How many are being detained for breach of bail?
 - c. Of those sentenced, how many have been in detention before?
 - d. Of those on remand, how many have been in detention before?
- 16. When is the Youth Detention Restraint Practice Advisory Group expected to complete the development of their policy?
 - a. What outcome measurements will be applied?
- 17. How many youth diversion workers are there currently?
- 18. In what ways do the youth diversion workers support families and young people?
 - a. How do they work operationally, and who do they report to?
- 19. Of the 52 youth diversion workers originally recruited, how many have separated – either through retirement, resignation or termination?

20. What training has been / will be undertaken by the youth diversion workers?
- a. What is the cost of the training?
21. How many young offenders have so far been case managed by youth diversion workers?
- a. How many have breached bail?
 - b. How many have reoffended?
22. How many young offenders were not referred to a youth diversion worker in the course of their contact with the justice system?
- a. How many breached bail?
 - b. How many reoffended?
23. How many young people commenced a Youth Boot Camp since 1 September 2016?
- a. How many of these were sentenced as an alternative to detention?
 - b. How many of them completed the program?
 - i. How many of these have reoffended?
 - c. How many of them did not complete the program?
 - i. How many of these have reoffended?
24. There is additional funding to boost current diversion programs and sentencing options for youths. Is there provision in the budget to expand the range of sentencing options available for youth?
25. Please detail how the \$4.86 million for bail support programs will be used?
26. How many young offenders have been fitted with electronic monitoring bracelets since 1 September 2016?
- a. How many of these were fitted by police under the new legislation?
 - b. How many have reoffended while wearing the device?
 - c. How many have breached bail conditions?

OUTPUT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. When will work commence in redeveloping the Alice Springs Women's Shelter? What will the works consist of and when will works commence?
2. Has a site been identified for the safe house in Galiwinku? When will works commence?
3. When is the sexual violence prevention and response framework expected to be developed?
4. What early education campaigns have been budgeted to educate young people in their rights and responsibilities concerning domestic violence? How much is budgeted? How and where will they be operating?

OUTPUT GROUP: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRAMS

OUTPUT: GENDER EQUITY

1. What will the \$1.2 million budgeted for gender equity be used for?
2. What is the current male to female ration of key advisory and decision-making boards?
3. Will the women's consultative council continue to operate?
 - a. If so, how much has been budgeted for its continuation?
 - b. If it will not continue, why not?
4. Has money been budgeted for urgent rectification work to build a wall separating high-security male prisoners from women in the Darwin Correctional Precinct?
 - a. If so, when are works expected to be completed?
 - b. If not, why not?
5. Has money been budgeted for urgent rectification work to the Alice Springs watch house in order to make it safe for women?
 - a. If so, when are works expected to be completed?
 - b. If not, why not?
6. How much is provisioned in the budget to support women in the public service workforce, including flexible working arrangements, working from home, job share, part time work, etc?
 - a. What initiatives will be operating to support women in the public service?

OUTPUT: SOCIAL INCLUSION

1. What will the \$2.7 million budgeted for social inclusion be used for?

OUTPUT GROUP: SENIORS AND CARERS

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1. Why are pension concession recipients not listed in the 2017-18 Budget?
2. Why was the start date of the changes to the pensioner concession scheme changed from 1 July 2017 to 1 January 2018?
3. Will all of the current pensioner concession scheme subsidies, discounts and concessions be retained after the changes to the pensioner concession scheme?
4. Will there be any reduction in benefits for existing members or new members of the pensioner concession scheme?
5. Will members of the pensioner concession scheme continue to receive, to an equal or greater amount than currently receive, the following concessions and subsidies:
 - a. Electricity/alternate energy?
 - b. Local council property rate?
 - c. Water rates?
 - d. Sewerage rates?
 - e. Garbage charges?
 - f. Motor vehicle registration?
 - g. Drivers licence?
 - h. Spectacles, including for dependents?
 - i. Public transport?
 - j. Interstate/overseas travel?
6. Which of the above concessions will continue to be processed automatically through the billing systems of the relevant service providing agencies?
7. Please detail the cost to deliver the pensioner concession scheme by financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

8. Please detail how many people accessed the pensioner concession scheme by financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16.
9. Please detail the total cost incurred to deliver concessions/subsidies in the following categories in the last financial year under the pensioner concession scheme:
 - a. Electricity/alternate energy
 - b. Local council property rates
 - c. Water rates
 - d. Sewerage rates
 - e. Garbage charges
 - f. Motor vehicle registration
 - g. Drivers licence
 - h. Spectacles, including for dependents
 - i. Public transport
 - j. Interstate/overseas travel
 - k. Any other concessions/subsidies

OUTPUT GROUP: CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE

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Staffing

1. How many Full Time Equivalentents are currently employed within this Agency, broken down by Output and Business Unit?
2. How many Full Time Equivalentents have resigned, retired, taken a redundancy package or been made redundant, or terminated? Please break these numbers by Output and Business Unit.
3. What has happened to these positions? Has the work been reallocated to existing staff?
4. Are there any plans to fill these positions in the near future?

CHILDREN – OTHER

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1. When will the Child and Adolescent Health Plan be developed?
 - a. Who will be involved in developing the plan?
 - b. Will expert panellists be recruited?
 - c. How will outcomes of the plan be measured?
2. Has the First Circles program membership has been reduced to 10 members?
 - a. If so, why has the membership been cut in half?
 - b. Has the budget also been cut in half to run this program?
 - c. Will the First Circles program still be actively participating in Cabinet meetings on a regular basis?
 - d. How many times has the First Circles program participated in Cabinet meetings between 1 September 2016 and 31 March 2017?
 - e. Have other measures/programs been budgeted to liaise with aboriginal community members in the absence of half of the First Circles membership?
 - f. Have other measures/programs been budgeted to promote indigenous community leadership in the absence of half of the First Circles membership?
3. Why has the Youth Round Table been moved from the Chief Minister portfolio to the Territory Families portfolio?
 - a. What is the budget for the Youth Round Table?