

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Chief Minister:

Back on Track Program/Breaking the Cycle of Crime in Palmerston

- 1. How much money has been allocated to the Breaking the Cycle of Crime in Palmerston initiative in total, either to the Department of the Chief Minister or to other departments within the Northern Territory Government? Please provide details of amounts and Departments.**

The funding allocated to the Breaking the Cycle of Crime in Palmerston initiatives:

Agency	2018-19 \$	Ongoing \$
Department of the Chief Minister	1 000 000	600 000
Territory Families	2 500 000	2 500 000
Department of Education	1 050 000	1 850 000
Department of Tourism and Culture	250 000	-
Total	4 800 000	4 950 000

- 2. What consultation was undertaken by the Department of the Chief Minister in formulating the Breaking the Cycle of Crime in Palmerston initiative?**

Key stakeholders were consulted and engaged.

- 3. Was Police, Fire & Emergency Services consulted before the announcement of the Breaking the Cycle of Crime in Palmerston initiative?**

Yes.

- 4. How many full time equivalent employee hours will be dedicated to implementing the Breaking the Cycle of Crime in Palmerston initiative?**

In addition to existing staff six full time equivalent positions are being recruited to for these initiatives.

- 5. What are the key performance indicators or outcomes by which the success or failure of the Breaking the Cycle of Crime in Palmerston initiative will be evaluated?**

- An increase in targeted support for at risk families in Palmerston.
- An increase in young people participating in after-hours activities and funded youth services.
- An increase in school attendance across the region including the Palmerston re-engagement centre.
- Evaluation of the Youth Skills Centre.

- A reduction in criminal offences committed.
 - A reduction in the number of young people in contact with the criminal justice system.
6. **How much money has been spent on advertising or making the public aware of the Breaking the Cycle of Crime in Palmerston initiative? Please detail amounts spent on television, internet, radio, print media, mail outs, letter box drops or any other written, visual or verbal communication.**

Expenditure committed to for advertising and public awareness to date:

Category	Amount \$
Print media	\$20 800
Radio, social and other	\$22 200
Total	\$43 000

7. **How much money is budgeted in total into the future for advertising or making the public aware of the Breaking the Cycle of Crime in Palmerston initiative, whether it be television, internet, radio, print media, mail outs, letter box drops or any other written, visual or verbal communication?**

The Department of the Chief Minister's communications budget is allocated to meet communications needs.

8. **What consultation was undertaken in relation to the establishment of a Palmerston Youth Skills Centre?**

Stakeholders were consulted, industry, Grow Well Live Well, City of Palmerston, Grassroots Palmerston, Palmerston and Rural Youth Service Network and Palmerston Youth Local Action Group.

9. **Were residents of Palmerston Indigenous Village, Johnston, Zuccoli or Howard Springs consulted prior to the announcement of the Palmerston Youth Skills Centre?**

They are being consulted through the normal process.

10. **Does the site selected for the Palmerston Youth Skills Centre require either rezoning through the Planning Commission or subdivision through the Development Consent Authority?**

The proposed site for the Palmerston Youth Skills Centre does not require a subdivision. Discussions on zoning requirements are currently taking place with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

11. **What arrangements are being made to transport youth to the planned Palmerston Youth Skills Centre?**

The details of operation of the Youth Skills Centre are being finalised.

12. **Will the Palmerston Youth Skills Centre be considered a detention centre pursuant to section 148 of the *Youth Justice Act*?**

No.

13. What will the security arrangements be at the Palmerston Youth Skills Centre and will youth be free to come and go as they please?

The security arrangements will be established by the Registered Training Organisation. Youth will be able to come and go freely from the Centre, however if a young person is attending as part of a conditional liberty order by the Court (to attend a Minister Approved Program), the young person will be advised of the implications of not meeting conditions specified in their Court Order.

14. Why was the announced site for the Palmerston Youth Skills Centre chosen and what alternative sites were considered?

The Palmerston Youth Skills Centre site was chosen for its location and available infrastructure. An alternative site in East Arm was considered, but was found inappropriate for the required service.

15. Prior to the announcement of the Palmerston Youth Skills Centre, were Police consulted?

Yes.

16. Where will the 24/7 youth drop in facility in Palmerston be located and is it true that the preferred location is the current location of the Palmerston Swimming & Fitness Centre?

Territory Families is working with the Department of Corporate and Information Services and the City of Palmerston to identify a suitable site for the service.

17. What other locations, if any, have been considered for the location of the 24/7 youth drop in facility?

Palmerston is the only location being considered for the 24/7 Youth Drop In facility.

18. What will the \$1.5 million budget for the drop in facility cover; for example, will staffing and administration costs be included in that figure? If not, what will the recurrent spending for the facility be?

The \$1.5 million recurrent budget will procure the services of a non-government organisation to deliver the services of the Palmerston Youth Drop In Centre.

19. What consultation was undertaken with the community before the announcement of the drop in facility; for example, were the residents of Moulden or any other Palmerston residents consulted prior to the announcement?

Youth from throughout the Palmerston community and participants from Youth Action Plan workshops provided input into the Youth Drop In Centre prior to the announcement of the facility. Further consultation will happen with Palmerston residents as required.

20. What will the security arrangements be at the 24/7 youth drop in facility?

Security arrangements for the Youth Drop In Centre will be addressed through the procurement of services to be delivered by a non-government organisation.