

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — ON-COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL FACILITY

477. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the matter of an on-country juvenile residential detention facility in the Kimberley and the comments made on *ABC Mornings* by the Premier explaining that the flooding event earlier this year has delayed this project.

- (1) What was the status of this facility in December 2022 prior to the flooding event?
- (2) What is the current status of this project?
- (3) What is the estimated date this facility will become operational?
- (4) Has the state government offered or provided further assistance to ensure that this facility is available for use as soon as practicable?
- (5) If yes to (4), what is the nature or monetary value of this assistance?

Hon PIERRE YANG replied:

I provide the following answer on behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Regional Development.

- (1)–(5) The WA government has committed \$15 million to the Marlamanu on-country residential youth justice program. In December 2022, the project was proceeding to the next stage of planning, utilising an initial \$300 000 made available for that purpose. Intensive development work is continuing with a dedicated team at KRED Enterprises, supported by the Kimberley Development Commission and a range of government agencies. This includes site planning, program design, policies and procedures, and other operational components. All parties are aiming for commencement of the Marlamanu program as soon as possible.