

BROOME REGIONAL PRISON

138. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the report in the *Broome Advertiser* of 20 May 2021 that reveals that residents have been blindsided by the announcement of the new location of Broome Regional Prison.

- (1) Were residents living near this proposed development included in the consultation process?
- (2) If yes to (1), when did this consultation occur and what method of consultation was used?
- (3) Has the minister received any concerns from residents of the 12 Mile community about this location?
- (4) What steps, if any, has the minister undertaken to address these concerns?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question and congratulate him on his first question.

The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Corrective Services.

- (1)–(4) The state government is working closely with the Yawuru traditional owners, through Nyamba Buru Yawuru, and the Shire of Broome to identify an appropriate site for Broome Regional Prison. Throughout this process, the government has continued to be guided by the traditional owners on the most appropriate site for the new facility. Currently, two site options remain under consideration. I understand that the Department of Justice will begin the next phase of consultation with affected community members in the coming weeks before a final decision is made.