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TELL THE WHOLE STORY MINISTER
NO EXTRA MONEY FOR ALICE SPRINGS
ST JOHN AMBULANCE SERVICE

Minister Toyne should show his support for his own home town by meeting with the ambulance staff to hear their response to his answer to the crisis in the ambulance service in Alice Springs.

The $1.8m promised to St John delivers nothing to the local service. The issues down here have not been addressed.

What is happening in Alice Springs?
At present one fulltime ambulance service for Alice Springs is just not enough. The violence has escalated in the last few months.
Crews cannot decline to respond to town camp calls and must do so most often without a police escort.
Staff have been assaulted in the last month?
Call outs have increased in the last month?

This decision of government is a top end solution.
What Alice Springs needs is an extra crew to run two ambulances rather than rely on the goodwill of staff to do callouts from home.

Staff have not been shown the latest report.
Why won’t the Minister talk to the staff down here?
Why won’t he make this service part of Police Fire & Emergency Services as it is in most other states.
This is another example of government treating the people of Alice Springs with contempt.

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