SNAILS PACE IN CHIEF MINSITER’S OFFICE

The Chief Minister, Clare Martin, has taken more than 3 months to respond to a request by the Leader of the Opposition, Jodeen Carney, and the Member for Greatorex, Matt Conlan, to inspect the Alice Springs Police Station.

“You have to wonder exactly what is going on at the highest levels of Government in the Territory," says Jodeen Carney, Leader of the Opposition.

“It’s staggering that the Chief Minister, with all the resources at her disposal, would take 12 weeks to provide ‘permission’ for two parliamentarians to do their job," says Ms Carney.

“One wonders what sort of run around the general public receives when contacting the Chief Minister’s office.

“The granting of permission should be a mere formality for parliamentarians seeking access to schools, hospitals, police stations and prisons et al.

“Where taxpayers money is involved, parliamentarians have an obligation to find out what is going on.

“12 weeks is way too long to having correspondence sit in an in-tray gathering dust.”

My initial request was sent on 9th of August and a formal acknowledgement was received from the Chief Minister’s office on the 14th of August and the letter granting permission finally arrived on the 12th of November.

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