New Era Delivers Better Corrections Facilities

Construction is nearing completion on the Henderson Government’s $12.3 million expansion of prisoner accommodation at Alice Springs Correctional Centre.

The new units are part of the Government’s commitment to bringing in a new era of corrections by providing a safe and secure environment for the effective management and rehabilitation of prisoners.

Correctional Services Minister Gerry McCarthy today said the new women’s section would be ready to move into from Friday with other capital works nearing completion.

“We are investing $23.6 million in prison infrastructure as part of the Northern Territory Correctional Services Short to Medium Term Capital Works Program,” Mr McCarthy said.

“This includes $12.3 million in upgrades at Alice Springs Correctional Centre which are progressing well.

“The new 24-bed multi-classification women's section at the Alice Springs facility is set to open at the end of this week and the other capital works are almost finished.

“This includes a new medium/low security unit for males that will feature 24 beds in cottage-style accommodation.

“A separate male low/open security section is also being constructed and will feature two units which will have a combined capacity of 48 beds.”

Mr McCarthy said the new facilities would benefit prisoners and corrections staff.

“We’re building highly functional living quarters for prisoners which will allow staff to monitor, assess and supervise them in the most effective way,” Mr McCarthy said.

“We’re aiming to reduce the likelihood of prisoners re-offending by fostering an environment where we provide strong rehabilitation and integration programs and services, which will encourage prisoners to become more productive members of the community.”

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