Alice Springs Correctional Centre Expansion Complete

Correctional Services Minister Gerry McCarthy today inspected the last of the 100 new beds at Alice Springs Correctional Centre which will help ease accommodation pressures.

“Infrastructure investment within our prison network is a key priority of the Government’s new era in corrections to improve rehabilitation and end the cycle of re-offending,” Mr McCarthy said.

“That’s why we are investing $5.1 million to build a new Barkly Work Camp and $23.6 million in prison infrastructure as part of the Northern Territory Correctional Services Short to Medium Term Capital Works Program.

“This includes $12.3 million in upgrades at Alice Springs Correctional Centre which are now complete and include 100 new beds in male and female accommodation units.”

The recently completed male accommodation units, comprising 52 low security and 24 medium security beds, follow the opening of a new 24 bed multi-classification women’s section earlier this year.

Two new education rooms within the prison industries section complete with purpose built amenities is now ready to help Corrections staff deliver more education and vocational training.

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

“We’re aiming to reduce the likelihood of prisoners re-offending through improved rehabilitation and integration programs and services, which will encourage prisoners to become more productive members of the community,” Mr McCarthy said.

Mr McCarthy said an additional 140 beds had been delivered to Darwin Correctional Centre.

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