MILESTONES REACHED AT DARWIN CORRECTIONAL PRECINCT

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A significant milestone has been reached at the new Darwin Correctional Precinct with the closure of the secure perimeter fence.

Minister for Infrastructure Peter Styles said he was extremely pleased the $521 million project was on time and on budget, with the precinct set to become fully operational on July 1 2014.

“The closure of the secure perimeter fence is the key indicator that building works inside the secure perimeter are nearing completion with the fit outs and security commissioning beginning,” he said.

“Construction started on the site in April 2012 and we have seen the construction of a brand new road to the site, Willard Road,” he said.

“As of 31 August 2013, construction of the new facility was 70% complete by time and 76% complete.

“Importantly, local industry participation is at 73% of the let trade value to-date, and is forecast to reach 79% based on the outstanding trade packages. We have about 800 workers employed on site.”

The Correctional Centre and Secure Mental Health Facility consist of an inner and outer fence, which are 4.5 metres high and spaced 6.8 metres apart. The perimeter fence stretches 1910 metres.

Mr Styles said the fence was fitted with anti-climb mesh, and was equipped with 99 cameras.

“The outer fence also has an anti club drum installed to prevent climbing and both inner and outer fence lines are fitted with duel microphone detection system linked to the closed circuit television system.

“The new precinct will have increased prisoner holding capacity compared to the existing Berrimah Correctional centre,” he said.

“I am looking forward to the completion of this facility.”

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