CLP FAILS TO PROVIDE SECURE CARE

Shadow Health Minister, Nicole Manison, said the imprisonment of Rosie Ann Fulton highlights the failure of the CLP Government to provide appropriate secure care facilities in Alice Springs.

Ms Manison said Health Minister, Robyn Lambley, needed to explain how Ms Fulton’s care plan failed so quickly and why she was not housed in a facility purpose-built to cater for people with her care needs.

“The secure care facility in Alice Springs was specifically designed to house people with intellectual disabilities and challenging behaviours,” Ms Manison said.

“But the CLP Government decided to use the facility to house people waiting for assessment under its ineffective and expensive Alcohol Mandatory Treatment policies.

“Ms Lambley said this was meant to be a temporary measure until a new facility was rolled out in Alice Springs.

“But more than 12 months later the CLP Government seems to have abandoned its plans for an AMT assessment facility and people with intellectual disabilities like Rosie Ann Fulton end up prison.

“There was a national outcry when Ms Fulton was being held indefinitely in a WA prison without trial or conviction.

“She was returned to Alice Springs with Health Minister Lambley telling Parliament and the national media Ms Fulton would be receiving appropriate care and support.

“Ms Lambley must explain why there has been such a failure in Ms Fulton’s care plan and why she is not living in the facility purpose built to cater to people in her situation.”

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