

KIMBERLEY CUSTODIAL PLAN - BROOME REGIONAL PRISON

163. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the 2006-07 budget, which states that planning will continue on the Kimberley custodial plan that will replace Broome Regional Prison, and that significant works will continue to improve the condition of Broome Regional Prison.

- (1) Given that we are in the last quarter of the financial year, what significant works to date have been completed to improve the condition of Broome Regional Prison?
- (2) Given that the Kimberley Aboriginal reference group's recommendations for the Kimberley custodial plan included the closure of Broome Regional Prison, is there an intention to replace the prison at another site.
- (3) If yes to (2) -
 - (a) what sites have been identified or are under consideration; and
 - (b) what discussions have taken place with the Broome Shire Council about the possible closure of the prison?

Hon JON FORD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Corrective Services has supplied the following answer -

- (1) Consultants have been engaged. Planning work has been completed. Tender documents have been completed. Temporary facilities are being procured.
- (2) The Kimberley Aboriginal reference group made a number of recommendations that are currently being considered as a package.
- (3)
 - (a) A range of sites throughout the Kimberley are under preliminary consideration for the recommendations of the Kimberley reference group.
 - (b) The Minister for Corrective Services has not met to discuss the issue of the Broome prison with the Broome shire council.