

KUNUNURRA YOUTH BAIL HOUSE — RELOCATION

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

I refer to an article in *The Kimberley Echo* dated 13 February 2019 regarding the relocation of the Kununurra youth bail house.

- (1) Was the proposal put forward by the Miriuwung Gajerrong Corporation to the Premier in July 2018, as mentioned in the article, forwarded to the Minister for Corrective Services or anyone else in the Department of Justice?
- (2) If yes to (1), when was the minister informed of the MG proposal?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) If yes to (1), what work was done by the Department of Justice to explore the Miriuwung Gajerrong proposal for providing youth bail services?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Corrective Services.

- (1) The Department of Justice was first informed of the Miriuwung Gajerrong Corporation's concept of a youth wellness centre in July 2018.
- (2) The Minister for Corrective Services was briefed on this concept by a representative of the Miriuwung Gajerrong Corporation in October 2018.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The tender for youth justice services across the state was subject to 18 months of consultation and collaboration with the non-government and community services sectors across the state. The tender process was finalised in November 2016, and service agreements across the state, including youth bail services based in Kununurra, commenced on 1 January 2017 with a three-year funding management. There has been one variation to the existing service agreement in Kununurra due to a significant increase in bail house occupancy rates. As there is an existing service agreement in Kununurra, the department is not in a position to consider further funding youth justice bail services beyond the existing service agreements.