

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 15

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2006:

In relation to the Darwin Family Relationship Centre and permanent presence in Alice Springs:

- a) When was the need for the Darwin Family Relationship Centre having an outreach office in Alice Springs flagged?
- b) In what way was it flagged?
- c) What information was provided to the service to indicate that they would need to provide an outreach centre in Alice Springs?
- d) What services will be provided to Alice Springs by the Family Relationship Centre presence?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a) 23 October 2005.
- b) The requirement for the Darwin Family Relationship Centre to provide an outreach service in Alice Springs was specified in the Request for Application for Funding documentation which was placed on the Attorney-General's Department's website on 23 October 2005.
- c) The Request for Application for Funding documentation stated that Family Relationship Centres will be required to provide outreach services to particular regional population centres within their area, and, wherever possible, to other communities where the Centre has the capacity and sufficient demand exists. The documentation provided a list of particular locations for outreach, and this included the requirement for outreach services to Alice Springs from the Darwin Family Relationship Centre.
- d) Outreach services will be provided to Alice Springs through the Darwin Family Relationship Centre. A permanent presence will be located in Alice Springs to provide the outreach services. This service will be co-located with a Family Pathways Network officer and will include the provision of information, community engagement and the co-ordination of joint dispute resolution services.