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Constituency Question – Northern Correctional Facility

Dear Ms Badger

Thank you for your Constituency Question on 10 September about consultation with residents in the Meander Valley community about correctional facilities.

There has been extensive consultation with the Deloraine community and near neighbours of the Ashley Youth Detention Centre (AYDC) site about a northern prison for adult prisoners.

While the Northern Correctional Facility is now not being progressed, the Government will continue to explore the possibility of repurposing the existing AYDC facilities once it has been vacated by the Department for Education, Children and Young People.

The site has been used as a correctional facility for many decades and has provided great benefit to the local community through employment and economic support of local businesses.

No decisions about the use of the existing facilities will be taken without community consultation, noting that the impact on the community is not expected to change substantially should the existing AYDC infrastructure be used to hold adult prisoners

Yours sincerely

Hon Madeleine Ogilvie MP
Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation