

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group 2

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Question No. 89

Senator Boyce asked the following question following the hearing on 16 October 2012:

What is the response of the Department that the Alice Springs Correctional Centre in the Northern Territory is currently detaining a young Indigenous man with significant cognitive impairments and behaviours of concern including head banging which can render him with a serious injury and that the intervention by the ASCC to stop the head banging is to belt this young man in a restraint chair and then inject him with a tranquiliser to render him unconscious? This practice has now occurred four times the most recently on October the 6th 2012.

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

The Department does not consider it appropriate to comment on individual cases which concern matters of State or Territory responsibility.

If a person has exhausted domestic remedies, they may be able to lodge an individual communication under the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*.