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News for you... on issues that affect you... (Parliamentary sittings edition)

Did you know...

POWER TO THE PEOPLE:

Outside the Alice Springs parliament yesterday, 400 - 500 concerned residents and business people gathered to protest against Government inaction and to voice concerns about increasing violence in town, and its effects on businesses and families.

It was a huge, passionate protest, and could not be ignored, even by an aloof Chief Minister. Disappointingly, Clare Martin did not offer the crowd anything specific, but she should be in no doubt about the seriousness of the issues we face in Alice.

CCTV SECURITY CAMERAS – A WELCOMED BACKFLIP BY GOVERNMENT:

Success! After the law and order protest yesterday, the Chief Minister finally said her Government would contribute money for CCTV cameras.

CCTV cameras were previously rejected by Government. What a shame Clare Martin didn't do this months ago!

POLICE COMMUNICATIONS:

For more than six months, endless complaints have been heard about people not being able to get through to the Alice Springs Police Station.

Late yesterday, Government did (finally) commit more resources so the phones will get answered!

WHAT CLARE MARTIN SAID:

From Parliament yesterday:

“...words are fine, but actions are the important things to really take into account...”

- Yes, Chief Minister, we want action from you, not just words.

“... Alice Springs is one of my major projects...”

- No – Alice is not a “major project” Chief Minister. It's a wonderful town, full of great people who want Alice Springs to be safe for them and their families.

“...A major priority for us is to ensure that Central Australians, and the people of Alice Springs – feel safe and secure...”

- Really? If this is a “major” priority, I'd hate to see what a low priority is!

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