

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — STAFF AWARDS

Statement by Minister for Corrective Services

MR F.M. LOGAN (Cockburn — Minister for Corrective Services) [9.09 am]: I stand today to share with members the achievements of some of our outstanding public officers, particularly those serving the public in the corrective services field. Whether working with adults or young people, sentenced prisoners or those being supervised in the community, these officers work hard in often challenging conditions, often with little public recognition. The annual awards are organised to demonstrate the department's recognition and appreciation of staff members, working individually and in teams, who demonstrate excellence.

The joint winners of the director general's innovation award were Leith Thomas, assistant superintendent of offender services at West Kimberley Regional Prison, and the West Kimberley Regional Prison security team. Leith was recognised for her motivational style of leadership and dedication to implementing many programs to help prisoners beat the cycle of recidivism, including the house coach program, giving them the opportunity to learn leadership and practical self-care. The West Kimberley Regional Prison security team was honoured for balancing the ethos of the prison and security. Its dynamic new approach to security at the prison has led to a sense of empowerment and optimism in the security team.

The commissioner's leadership award was presented to Scott Lobb, acting director of learning and development at the Corrective Services Academy. Scott was honoured for his outstanding leadership, which has resulted in positive and enhanced training outcomes for staff.

The minister's commendation award was presented to the staff of Roebourne Regional Prison for their bravery during cyclone Veronica earlier this year. There were also winners in other categories, including the general health and wellbeing of offenders award, won by the Wandoo Rehabilitation Prison health centre for its hard work and dedication to the development and implementation of the therapeutic community at Wandoo.

I congratulate all our award winners and thank them for their dedication to public service.