

CORONAVIRUS — BANKSIA HILL DETENTION CENTRE

6099. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services:

I refer to youth offenders and children under the age of 18 housed at Banksia Hill Detention Centre, and I ask:

- (a) Have any education, training or life skills courses been suspended as a result of COVID-19/coronavirus;
- (b) If yes to (a) what alternatives are planned to support detainees?

Mr F.M. Logan replied:

- (a) No education, training courses and life skills courses that are provided by BHDC were suspended as a result of COVID-19. Education is running full school and is fully staffed. Five education, training courses and one life skills course, all provided by non-government/government organisations, were been suspended as a result of COVID-19; these courses have now recommenced. The suspension of the courses was at the direction of the non-government organisations, not the Department. The education and training courses recommenced 4 May 2020, while the life skills course recommenced on 1 May 2020.
- (b) Two (2) additional programs have commenced:
 - Indigenous Players Alliance providing a recreation and education/training program for females and males.
 - National Suicide Prevention and Trauma Recovery Project providing culturally and gender specific mentoring for females.