

CHILDREN'S COURT — FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS

**1338. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to information provided during the annual report estimates hearings on 3 November 2016 regarding the full-time equivalents based at the Children's Court.

- (1) What is the title of the officer?
- (2) What duties does the officer undertake at the Children's Court?
- (3) How many children did the officer assist at the Children's Court during 2015–16?
- (4) How many days a week does the officer spend at Banksia Hill, and what duties are undertaken there?
- (5) How many children did the officer assist at Banksia Hill during 2015–16?

**Hon NICK GOIRAN replied:**

- (1) Two officers are based at the Children's Court—one senior child protection officer, Children's Court, and one senior court officer.
- (2) The senior child protection officer, Children's Court, provides direct support on a daily basis to departmental staff and young people who are going through the criminal court, and to problem solve as required. The position is also required to assist with judicial requests as they arise. The senior court officer attends Banksia Hill Detention Centre, undertakes data collection—analysis, program development, interagency relations—for example, problem solving—policy, legislation and process reviews, and various other managerial and court support requirements as necessary.
- (3) This data is not available.
- (4) The senior court officer attends Banksia Hill Detention Centre two days a week—Wednesdays and Thursdays. The officer provides support to the Telethon Kids Institute research into children who are incarcerated who may have foetal alcohol syndrome disorder. The officer is available to the youth justice case planning unit and departmental case managers in relation to inquiries about children in care in Banksia Hill. The officer also works towards encouraging strong interagency communication.
- (5) This data is not available.