

CORONAVIRUS — PRISON PROGRAMS

6098. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services:

I refer to the training and rehabilitation programs run in Western Australian adult prisons, and I ask:

- (a) Which training and rehabilitation programs are currently suspended due to the COVID-19/coronavirus pandemic?

Mr F.M. Logan replied:

- (a) Reintegration Leave and the Prisoner Employment Program have been suspended.

First Aid Training, Barista and Certificate IV Beauty Therapy training were suspended in line with Department of Health guidelines. The Department is taking steps to re-commence these services.

Four casual tutors chose to cease tutoring in prison, due to their age and at-risk health status.

Two contracted service providers ceased delivery of their Family and Domestic Violence programs in 4 prisons and 11 community settings. The Department has been working with these service providers to recommence service delivery which is anticipated by 4 May 2020. The Department has stepped in to assess individual cases in terms of risk and provide counselling where required.

No other criminogenic rehabilitation programs have been suspended due to COVID-19, though some individual sessions did not run due to facilitator unavailability.