

YOUTH JUSTICE BOARD — VISITS TO KIMBERLEY

732. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

- (1) Has the Youth Justice Board visited the Kimberley yet?
- (2) If so, what meetings were held in which locations?
- (3) If not, when will the visit take place and what meetings are scheduled?
- (4) What discussions have taken place between members of the Youth Justice Board or its secretariat about the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre's juvenile justice diversion scoping and theoretical framework?
- (5) What was the outcome of these discussions?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Corrective Services I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

The Department for Corrective Services advises —

- (1)–(3) No. It is intended that the board will visit regional areas. The Youth Justice Board first met on 10 April 2014. The focus has been on the review of the Young Offenders Act 1994. The board has been briefed by the president of the Children's Court, His Honour Judge Denis Reynolds.
- (4)–(5) The Minister for Corrective Services has received a copy of the scoping and theoretical framework undertaken by the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre. He has been advised by the Department for Corrective Services that the Department of Aboriginal Affairs is currently reviewing the work.

In addition to the work of the Youth Justice Board, the Department of Corrective Services is undertaking a review of diversion services and programs. The department will consider applications for programs and services following this review. Tenders will be publicly sought through the government tender process consistent with the State Supply Commission Act 1991.