

BANKSIA HILL JUVENILE REMAND CENTRE — DETAINEE MEDICATION

3876. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services

I refer to detainees at Banksia Hill Juvenile Remand Centre who require medication at weekends, and I ask —

- (1) Where it is known prior to a weekend that a detainee will require medication during the weekend?
- (2) If the medication has been prescribed for the detainee, is it provided to the detainee for use over the weekend?
- (3) If yes to (2), what process applies to its distribution including but not limited to —
 - (a) who distributes it to the detainee;
 - (b) when is it distributed to the detainee;
 - (c) how many doses are made available to the detainee at the one time; and
 - (d) who supervises the detainee taking the medication?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?
- (5) If the medication is non-prescription medication, is it provided to the detainee for use over the weekend?
- (6) If yes to (5), what process applies to its distribution including but not limited to —
 - (a) who distributes it to the detainee;
 - (b) when is it distributed to the detainee;
 - (c) how many doses are made available to the detainee at the one time; and
 - (d) who supervises the detainee taking the medication?
- (7) If no to (5), why not?
- (8) Regarding the answers given to (1) to (7), in what respects does the process differ where it is known prior to a weekend that a detainee's current state of health makes it not unlikely, but not certain, that the detainee will require medication over the weekend?
- (9) Regarding the answers given to (8), in what respects does the process differ where during a weekend a detainee newly develops a need for medication?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) It is assumed the Member meant to ask 'when', not 'where'. A 12 hour, seven day a week medical coverage is provided at Banksia Hill Detention Centre.
- (2) Yes
- (3)
 - (a) Prison Medical Officer (Nurse)
 - (b) As prescribed. Options of morning or night.
 - (c) One dose.
 - (d) Prison Medical Officer.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) All medication distributed to detainees is on prescription, including medications that would be available over-the-counter in the community.
- (6)–(7) Not applicable.
- (8) If medication is prescribed to detainees, it will be issued at the weekend.
- (9) A detainee will be seen by a prison medical officer, who has the option to contact the on call medical practitioner via an e consultation for further consultation on the detainee's clinical condition. The medical practitioner will then make the decision whether the detainee requires medication. If urgent, the medication can be issued from stock or sourced from a local pharmacy until available from the Department of Corrective Services Pharmacy. If emergency care is required for the detainee, transfer to the nearest hospital emergency department is facilitated.