

CRIME AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR — YOUTH — BROOME

3633. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the rate of youth crime in the Kimberley and ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of an increase of youth crime in Broome and in particular have you heard the of ‘the bill boys’;
- (b) what programs are currently offered in Broome for at risk youth between the hours of 5 p.m. and 6 a.m.; and
- (c) if there are currently no programs in place, during the specific time period in question (b), what steps has the Department made to ensure there is adequate funding and resources to provide a much needed service to the community of Broome?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

- (a) Please refer this part of the question to the Minister for Police.
- (b) West Kimberley Regional Youth Justice Services (WKRYJS) currently facilitates or provides funding for 3 services for at risk youth between the hours of 5pm and 6 am.

WKRYJS have partnered with other agencies including the Department for Child Protection and Family Support (CPFS), Western Australia Police (WAPOL) and Broome Police and Citizen’s Youth Club (PCYC) and provide staff to facilitate a further 3 services during these hours.

These initiatives and programs are designed to target young people who are at risk of offending and/or who have a high street presence and increase school attendance. The current programs are —

Basketball at the Broome Youth Hub (runs Monday 6pm–8pm)

Mechanics program facilitated by WKRYJS Youth Support Officer (runs Tuesday 4pm–7pm)

Chilling Space program at Broome Youth Hub (runs Saturday 6pm–10pm)

HYPE outreach program (runs Friday and Saturday nights 5.30pm–2am)

Community Engagement BBQ Events (runs Thursdays 3pm–7pm)

PCYC Speedway program (runs every second Saturday 5pm–11pm)

- (c) Not applicable