

**BROOME PRISON — PURPOSE AND FUNCTION**

3632. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the Broome Regional Prison facility and ask:

- (a) what is the current purpose of the Broome Regional Prison;
- (b) what are the functions that Broome Regional Prison offer that differ from the Derby West Kimberley Regional Prison;
- (c) why doesn't the Derby West Kimberley Regional Prison provide these functions;
- (d) what suggestions have been put forward as to the future of the Broome Regional Prison Facility and by who;
- (e) what does the Minister intend to do with the Prison and when; and
- (f) has the Minister consulted people in Broome and surrounding communities including the Yawuru people?

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

The Department of Corrective Services advises:

- (a) Broome Regional Prison (BRP) is a minimum security prison, and has facility to house maximum and medium security prisoners on a short-term basis. BRP is the custodial entry-point for prisoners received from Broome Police Watch House and the Broome Court system which is the primary court precinct in the region. BRP also holds prisoners requiring temporary accommodation in Broome for reasons including the facilitation of rehabilitative visits, inter-prison transfers or medical treatment at Broome Hospital. The muster at Broome Regional Prison as at 12/03/15 is 42.
- (b) West Kimberley Regional Prison (WKRK) is a medium security prison. It is responsible for the management of Broome Regional Prison annexe and the Wyndham Work Camp. It provides security and rehabilitative services to prisoners within the region, including receipt and assessment processes; targeted employment and training opportunities; offender treatment programs and specialised community support services. The muster at WKRK as at 12/3/15 is 149.
- (c) Not Applicable
- (d)–(e) As part of the estates population management strategy, merits of options, including projected growth in offender cohorts, are being drafted for Ministerial consideration.
- (f) There has been no public consultation to date in relation to future options for the Broome Regional Prison.