

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — JUVENILE DETAINEES

167. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to Question on Notice No. 498 of 10 March 2009 in the previous Parliament when the following recreational programs were listed as being provided to juveniles in detention, and I ask for each program is it still provided and, if not, why not:

- (a) army cadets;
- (b) horticulture;
- (c) yoga;
- (d) hip hop dance;
- (e) music;
- (f) art and crafts; and
- (g) a range of sporting activities (if provided please list each sport and whether it is provided in a regular, disciplined fashion or irregularly in an ad hoc fashion)?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

- (a) Army cadets is available at Banksia Hill Detention Centre (Banksia Hill). However, it is currently on hold due to the Department's facilitator being subject to an active workers compensation claim.
- (b) Horticulture is available at Banksia Hill as part of the structured daily educational program. This is on offer to detainees as per their Individual Educational Plan (IEP).
- (c) Yoga is no longer available at Banksia Hill. This program was an optional afternoon activity facilitated by a Youth Custodial Officer (YCO) who was also a trained yoga instructor. This particular YCO is presently undertaking other duties at Banksia Hill.
- (d) Hip hop is no longer available. This program was also delivered by a YCO as an optional afternoon activity who no longer has the capacity to provide this program.
- (e) Music is offered as part of the educational program at Banksia Hill and is on offer to detainees as per their IEP. Further to this, the Australia Music Foundation provides additional music lessons after education hours to detainees identified by the music teacher.
- (f) Art and crafts is available as part of the structured educational program to detainees and forms part of their IEP at Banksia Hill.
- (g) Recreational activities at Banksia Hill and Hakea Juvenile Detention Centre occur on a daily basis and include socialising with peers, board games, cards, listening to music, reading, playing table tennis and cooking. Outdoor recreation including use of gymnasium for basketball and other team sports, access to fitness programs using isometric body weight training machines.