

JUVENILE OFFENDERS — CUSTODIAL FACILITIES IN KIMBERLEY REGION

426. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to juveniles from the Kimberley region who receive custodial sentences.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that such offenders serve their sentences outside the Kimberley?
- (2) Does the minister consider that the practice of sending juvenile offenders away from places close to their family greatly improves their chances of rehabilitation?
- (3) Will the new Derby prison and/or the upgraded Broome Regional Prison have facilities for juvenile offenders who receive custodial sentences; and, if not, why not?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. On behalf of the Minister for Employment Protection representing the Minister for Corrective Services, I provide the following response —

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3) No. Juvenile and adult offenders are not co-accommodated in custodial facilities in Western Australia.