

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — BROOME REGIONAL PRISON

5831. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the Broome Regional Prison, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister please explain the philosophy for the site;
- (b) does the Minister intend to increase the use of the facility to its full capacity;
- (c) at full capacity, how many prisoners can be held at any one time;
- (d) how many prisoners are currently being held there;
- (e) will the prison be renovated, refurbished or upgraded;
- (f) what key maintenance issues have been identified;
- (g) when will the improvements to the facility likely to occur;
- (h) what is the estimated cost involved to complete the necessary works on the prison so that it can be used at full capacity;
- (i) were these costs identified in the 2016/2017 budget;
- (j) how many staff are currently employed based at the Broome Prison;
- (k) of these staff, how many are Aboriginal; and
- (l) how many staff are needed to operate the prison when functioning at full capacity?

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

The Department of Corrective Services advises:

- (a) At present the facility functions as a short term/transit facility, housing remand males (up to 28 days), minimum security sentenced males (to support work camp preparation/visits and community reintegration), and remand and sentenced females (short term to support visits and community reintegration).
- (b) The Department is currently determining the future role of the facility.
- (c) 117 (total capacity).
- (d) 56, as at 12:30pm on 9 September 2016.
- (e)–(i) The future role and function of the facility is currently being determined and this will inform any future renovations, refurbishments, upgrades and budget applications.
- (j) 45.8 FTE.
- (k) 3 FTE.
- (l) Once the future role and function of the facility is determined, this will inform future staffing needs.