

**MELALEUCA REMAND AND REINTEGRATION FACILITY — SODEXO**

*Statement by Minister for Corrective Services*

**MR J.M. FRANCIS (Jandakot — Minister for Corrective Services)** [2.01 pm]: I wish to advise the house that a contract for the operation of the new Melaleuca Remand and Reintegration Facility for women has been signed with Sodexo. Melaleuca will open in December 2016. It will be the state's main female remand-receival prison, providing accommodation for 254 prisoners. Approximately two-thirds of these prisoners will be on remand and the remaining third will be preparing for release. The agreement represents a big win for the state. Over the course of the initial five-year contract the cost per prisoner per day will be \$206, which is 20 per cent less than the estimated cost of delivery by the public sector. But this agreement is more than a cost saving; it also represents good value for money. There will be a focus on rehabilitation and reintegration, with Sodexo expected to help address the complex needs of these prisoners and reduce their chance of reoffending.

In a first for corrections in Western Australia, up to 13 per of Sodexo's fee will be based on contract performance, including financial incentives for improving recidivism rates.

**Mr D.J. Kelly** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Bassendean!

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS:** The contract also has safeguards to ensure public safety, including significant financial penalties in the event of a serious safety or security incident. Through these contractual incentives we will improve services for women prisoners and ensure their security, and achieve value for money for taxpayers. The end result is a safer community for all Western Australians. It confirms what we have said repeatedly on the public record: it is not about who provides services; it is about providing services that rehabilitate. I table a copy of the project summary relating to the procurement process and the contractual arrangements in place, and a copy of the contract.

[See papers 4458 and 4459.]