

RANGEVIEW REMAND CENTRE — OVERCROWDING ISSUES

3547. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services

I refer to the report from the Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services, Report of an Announced Inspection of Rangeview Remand Centre October 2010, which notes a range of problems which have been arising as a result of overcrowding, and I ask the following —

What specific measures are being undertaken to —

- (a) manage staff break time in order to lessen the necessity for lockdowns;
- (b) employ additional staff in order to address staff shortages; and
- (c) ensure the practice of lockdowns cease?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (a) The Department of Corrective Services manages staff breaks in accordance with the Juvenile Custodial Officers Award 2006 and lockdowns are kept to a minimum.
- (b) The Department of Corrective Services is conducting a recruitment campaign for Youth Custodial Services in 2011.
- (c) See answer to part (a).