

JUVENILE JUSTICE — CREATIVE PROGRAMS

2469. 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 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:

The Department of Corrective Services advises:

- (a), (c) and (d) These programs were disrupted by events at Banksia Hill Detention Centre (Banksia Hill) during 2013 and are no longer being delivered. All programs at Banksia Hill are currently under review which may lead to the reintroduction of programs considered to deliver the best results.
- (b), (e) and (f) These programs are available at Banksia Hill as part of the structured daily educational program. They are on offer to young people as per their individual educational plan.
In addition, the Australian Music Foundation provides music lessons once per week after education hours to young women and girls. Negotiations are underway to extend this to the male population. Art is also offered as a recreational activity to all young people.
- (g) Young people are engaged in sporting activities at Banksia Hill in a variety of ways:
Structured recreation once per week as part of the education curriculum, including, but not limited to, basketball, soccer and indoor hockey.
Structured activities during the afternoon including football, volleyball, cricket and basketball.
Unstructured activities in living precincts using basketball courts, table-tennis tables and other recreation equipment.
Young people can access the Banksia Hill Fitness Room to use its strength and conditioning gym equipment.
In addition the Banksia Hill gymnasium is available to remand boys and remand and sentenced young girls during structured day break periods during the week and at all times on the weekends. This recreation is unstructured and supervised by operational staff.
External personal development programs. Banksia Hill has two programs delivered by external organisations that use sporting activities as part of their personal development programs. These programs are:
 - V Swans delivers one two-hour session per week for sentenced and remand young boys teaching Australian Football League skills and techniques.
 - Jade Lewis Foundation delivers one session per week for 1 hour and 45 minutes for sentenced and remand young girls, teaching them various character qualities via activities such as basketball.