

BANKSIA HILL DETENTION CENTRE RIOT — INSPECTOR OF CUSTODIAL SERVICES REPORT

399. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I have a supplementary question. If the minister disagrees with strip searching a juvenile four times on the way to and from court, why can he not stop it immediately?

Mr J.M. FRANCIS replied:

It depends on the individual circumstances of the juvenile detainee.

Mr P. Papalia: It is a matter of routine. They are doing it out of bureaucratic stupidity.

The SPEAKER: Member!

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: At the end of the day, it is an operational issue.

Mr P. Papalia: It's not.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: If the member wants ministers to overly involve themselves in operational issues, that will have a number of risks and I do not think that is how the system of government works.

Mr P. Papalia: They strip searched 62 times in three months a juvenile who could have been a victim of sexual assault.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro, can you let the minister answer.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: I will have another look at the issue again this afternoon. Obviously, there are a number of concerns. If it is being done to excess and is over the top, that is not right and we will do something about it.