

WANDOO REINTEGRATION FACILITY — DRUG-RELATED CRIME

391. Mrs J.M.C. STOJKOVSKI to the Minister for Corrective Services:

How will this government's decision to bring Wandoo Reintegration Facility back into public hands help to drive down drug-related crime; and how is this approach different from the previous Liberal–National government's dismal attempts to tackle drug-related crime?

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

I thank the member for her commitment to addressing the scourge of methylamphetamine in her own constituency where constituents have approached her over this issue.

There are a great many things about the Premier's announcement on Wandoo. Firstly, of course, there is the long overdue commitment to real rehabilitation, unlike what happened under the previous government. Secondly, it is the first dedicated women's meth rehabilitation prison in Australia—the first prison of this type in Australia. Thirdly, it shows that our government is dealing with drug addiction and mental health problems in prisons. That has not been done before, not in a serious way, or a way that particularly deals with the issue of methylamphetamine. It was not tackled under the previous administration.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr F.M. LOGAN: One of the most important things about this announcement, of course, is that it delivers on yet another of the McGowan Labor government's election promises.

Mr D.T. Redman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warren–Blackwood!

Mr F.M. LOGAN: Our election promise for Wandoo —

Mr D.T. Redman interjected.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: Our election promise in this area was part of the Methamphetamine Action Plan —

Mr D.T. Redman interjected.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: A drug scourge that the member for Warren–Blackwood —

The SPEAKER: Member for Warren–Blackwood, please. I call you to order for the second time.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: We have a drug scourge that the member for Warren–Blackwood simply ignored in his time as minister in the previous government. Of course, the other thing it does as a promise and a great announcement by the Premier is deliver on another election promise; that is, where it is feasible to do so, we will bring privatised institutions back into the public sector. That is what we have done. In this case, based on fiscal and also staffing benefits to the public sector, we have brought it back in-house. Unfortunately, Mr Speaker —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr F.M. LOGAN: Unfortunately, the opposition just does not like this decision, do you? What it does —

The SPEAKER: Through the Chair.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: What it does is reverse the privatisation decisions of the previous government. That is what the opposition does not like. You know, Mr Speaker —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Hillarys, I call you to order for the third time.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: It is like their ability in this house to learn how to behave as a proper opposition!

Several members interjected.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: As we have seen today—like that—they hate what we are doing. They have not learnt the lesson that privatisation was one of the issues that lost them the election!