

LEGAL AFFAIRS — PRISONER ACCESS TO MAGISTRATES AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

2333. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services 2018 report, *Prisoner access to secure mental health treatment*, and to concerns regarding the lack of assistance available to magistrates over the weekend to assess whether a hospital order is appropriate, and I ask:

- (a) (a) has this issue now been addressed;
- (b) (b) if yes to (a), how;
- (c) (c) if no to (a), why not; and
- (d) (d) how many individuals were remanded in custody over a weekend waiting for an assessment about their ability to be in court in 2019 to date?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Funding was provided for the Northbridge Court for Sunday sittings that mirrored the services provided for the Saturday sittings which comprised funding for a magistrate and support staff, Legal Aid services, Police prosecuting services, Adult Community Correction services and court custody and security service.
- (d) This information is not recorded in the Court's case management system.