

YOUTH DETENTION — SUICIDE AND SELF-HARM ATTEMPTS

**1338. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to youth justice.

- (1) Will the minister please provide the following information on Banksia Hill Detention Centre and unit 18 respectively for October 2023 —
- (a) the number of suicide and self-harm attempts;
  - (b) the monthly average out-of-cell hours; and
  - (c) the number of occasions on which a young person spent 20 or more hours in their cell?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Corrective Services. The answer to (1)(a) is in two tables. There is also additional information that again is in tabular form. I seek leave to have the responses incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

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The Department of Justice advise:

- (1) (a) Table 1. Banksia Hill Attempted Suicide and Self-Harm Instances between 1 and 31 October 2023

<b>Attempted Suicide</b>	0
<b>Self-Harm - Serious</b>	0
<b>Self-Harm - Minor</b>	33

Table 2. Unit 18 Attempted Suicide and Self-Harm Instances between 1 and 31 October 2023

<b>Attempted Suicide</b>	0
<b>Self-Harm - Serious</b>	0
<b>Self-Harm - Minor</b>	12

One suicide occurred in this period, at Unit 18

Additional information:

<b>Attempted Suicide</b>	An act where the circumstances indicate the intent of the act was to take their own life.
<b>Minor Self-Harm</b>	An act of self-harm that does not require overnight hospitalisation, overnight care at a prison medical centre/infirmary or ongoing medical treatment or any other act of self-harm that does not result in injury.
<b>Serious Self-Harm</b>	An act of self-harm that requires either overnight hospitalisation in a medical facility (including prison clinic/infirmary); or ongoing medical treatment.

- (b) For Banksia Hill, it is nine hours and 14 minutes; and for unit 18, it is three hours and 37 minutes.
- (c) For Banksia Hill, there were 97 occasions; and for unit 18, 260.