

YOUTH DETENTION — OUT-OF-CELL HOURS

1221. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to youth detention and I ask:

- (a) what was the average out of cell hours (“unlock time”) for each young person who was held at Banksia Hill Detention Centre in November 2022;
- (b) what was the average out of cell hours (“unlock time”) for each young person who was held at Banksia Hill Detention Centre in December 2022; and
- (c) what was the average out of cell hours (“unlock time”) for each young person who was held at Banksia Hill Detention Centre in January 2023?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

- (a)–(c) Table – Youth Custodial Average Out of Cell Hours Per Detainee Per Day between 1 November 2022 and 31 January 2023

| Facility | November 2022 | December 2022 | January 2023 |
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| Banksia Hill Detention Centre | 8.90 | 8.69 | 7.54 |

Out-of-cell hours at Banksia Hill Detention Centre over this period were impacted by critical incidents, including damage and behavioural incidents by detainees.

Out-of-cell hours may also be impacted by detainee movements and arrangements made to facilitate social, official, and legal visits, court, and medical appearances. When there are instances of detainees testing positive to COVID this can also impact their out-of-cell hours to maintain appropriate isolation. Further, when a young person declines to exit their cell to engage in the day program, the time spent in cell is recorded as such.

A detailed breakdown of out-of-cell hours at Banksia Hill Detention Centre is not possible due to known data quality issues. The Department of Justice is taking steps to replace the existing data module to mitigate these issues.