

BANKSIA HILL DETENTION CENTRE

900. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to responses to my additional questions 3(b)(i), 3(b)(ii) and 5(a) during the 2022–23 budget estimate hearings and the responses received.

- (1) Can the minister please explain why the Department of Justice only met on an “ad hoc” basis with various elements of the mental health system when Banksia Hill Detention Centre has recorded shockingly high self-harm and attempted suicide numbers of 285 and 20 respectively during 2022?
- (2) Can the minister please explain the difference between a “distinct lockdown event” and “amount of time a young person is locked down”?
- (3) Can the minister please provide a date or tentative date for the commencement of the new operating philosophy and service model for Banksia Hill; and if no date has been set, can he please explain why and when this will happen?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Corrective Services.

- (1) The Department of Justice provides mental health services and supports to young people in custody. These services and supports are delivered by departmental staff and externally contracted services. They include forensic, clinical and counselling masters level psychologists, psychiatric assessments and intervention, mental health nursing staff, therapeutic programs and numerous enrichment activities to support emotional wellbeing. Engagement and consultation with the wider mental health system occurs when needed to avoid duplication of service to young people. The engagement and consultation with the mental health system can be in relation to an individual young person’s specific circumstances, to assist with the development of new processes, responses and interventions or to address impediments to ensure seamless service delivery between custody and when a young person is released to the community.
- (2) The term “distinct lockdown” was not intended to differentiate between types of lockdowns. Lockdowns are recorded for individuals, not for the site.
- (3) The new operating philosophy and service model is and will continue to be implemented.