

YOUTH DETENTION — UNIT 18, CASUARINA PRISON

**1283. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to the media release from the Department of Justice on 5 July 2022 regarding the gazettal of a new youth justice facility, unit 18, and comments that “more than 100 of the 260 cells are seriously impacted and more than 30 cells are unfit for use”.

- (1) How many of the 100 cells that were reported to be seriously impacted are back online and fit for use, to date?
- (2) When are all impacted cells expected to be back online and fit for use?
- (3) If no cells are back online and fit for use, please outline what steps the Department of Justice is taking to progress these repairs and when are they expected to be completed?
- (4) What date does the department intend to close unit 18 and relocate youth detainees to Banksia Hill Detention Centre?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

- (1) It is 93 cells.
- (2) In the first half of 2023. However, additional site works are required to safely bring the young people from unit 18 to Banksia Hill Detention Centre.
- (3) Not applicable. Refer to (1).
- (4) In the first half of 2023. A firm date has not been determined. However, unit 18 will be closed as soon as remedial works are completed and all detainees can be safely housed on site at Banksia Hill.