

BANKSIA HILL DETENTION CENTRE AND UNIT 18, CASUARINA

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

I refer to youth detention. Can the minister please provide the following information on Banksia Hill Detention Centre and unit 18, respectively, for May 2023 and June 2023 to date —

- (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. I now represent the Minister for Corrective Services. The information is mainly in tabular form. It is quite a long answer. It lists the number of suicide and self-harm attempts at various dates. It has additional information in terms of definitions et cetera.

I seek leave to have the response incorporated into *Hansard*.

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

- (a) Table 1. Banksia Hill Suicide and Self-Harm Instances by Month, as at 12 June 2023

	May 2023	June 2023 (as at 12 June)
Attempted Suicide	2	1
Self-Harm - Serious	1	1
Self-Harm - Minor	27	11

Table 2. Unit 18 Suicide and Self-Harm Instances by Month, as at 12 June 2023

	May 2023	June 2023 (as at 12 June)
Attempted Suicide	3	0
Self-Harm - Serious	1	0
Self-Harm - Minor	49	7

Additional information:

Term	Definition
Attempted Suicide	An act where the circumstances indicate the intent of the act was to take their own life through: (a) self-inflicted injury; or (b) self-asphyxiation or hanging; or (c) intentional self-poisoning (including drug overdose); or (d) other intentional acts intended to take one's own life.
Self-Harm—Minor	An act of self-harm that does not require overnight hospitalisation, overnight care at a facility medical centre/infirmary or ongoing medical treatment or any other act of self-harm that does not result in injury.
Self-Harm—Serious	An act of self-harm that requires either overnight hospitalisation in a medical facility (including facility

- (b) May 2023:
- Banksia Hill—5 hours and 25 minutes
 - Unit 18—1 hour and 35 minutes
- June 2023 (as at 12 June 2023):
- Banksia Hill—7 hours and 10 minutes
 - Unit 18—2 hours and 25 minutes
- (c) May 2023:
- Banksia Hill—1,284
 - Unit 18—402
- June 2023 (as at 12 June 2023):
- Banksia Hill—239

- Unit 18—132

Additional information:

Out-of-cell hours are impacted by critical incidents, including damage and behavioural incidents by detainees, as well as detainee movements and arrangements made to facilitate visits, court appearances, and medical appointments. 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.
