

BANKSIA HILL DETENTION CENTRE — UNIT 18 DETAINEES

1089. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

Can the Minister confirm what the assessment criteria and selection process is (and has been) for children to be sent to Unit 18?

**Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:**

Young people at Banksia Hill Detention Centre (Banksia Hill) who demonstrate significant risk at that facility whereby Banksia Hill cannot safely and securely manage them are referred for assessment.

The process in place at Banksia Hill to determine the suitability of a young person to be transferred to Unit 18 includes assessment against the criteria derived from the *Young Offenders Act 1994* and informed by a Multi-Disciplinary Team consisting of Psychological Services, Mental Health, Primary Health, Aboriginal Youth Support Officers, Case Planning and senior operational staff.

The Superintendent of Banksia Hill makes the final decision whether a young person is transferred to Unit 18 taking into account the assessment made by the Multi-Disciplinary Team.