

BANKSIA HILL DETENTION CENTRE — PREMIER'S MEETING —  
PROFESSOR FIONA STANLEY'S COMMENTS

**798. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to the opinion piece published in today's *The West Australian* written by Dr Fiona Stanley. Is it true that the minister is seeking legal advice on assertions made in this opinion piece; and, if so, what exactly does the minister object to in this opinion piece?

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON replied:**

What I said to the media today is that I am seeking proper advice before I make a public response, so I am not really in a position to go further because I do not want words that I use in the Parliament to be questioned outside the Parliament. But let me make it clear: I think that the comments that Dr Stanley made implied that I am a racist. I have never said the words that she has written in that article. I take deep offence, and I will expect an apology from her.