

BANKSIA HILL DETENTION CENTRE AND UNIT 18 DETAINEES — RESTRAINTS

1100. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to both youth detention facilities in Western Australia, Banksia Hill Detention Centre and Unit 18.

- (1) How many times has the figure four restraint—also known as folding up—been used in the past 12 months?
- (2) How many injuries resulting from the use of the figure four restraint have been recorded in the past 12 months?
- (3) What risks of injury or death are officers informed of in relation to the figure four restraint?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is based on information provided to me by the Minister for Corrective Services.

- (1) The department does not maintain records of the types of physical restraints used in the management of incidents involving young people, including the application of a figure four.
Since January 2021, the figure four restraint is only authorised to be applied for officers to safely remove restraints and exit a cell in situations in which a young person presents a risk to staff.
- (2) No injuries have been reported that relate to the application of a figure four restraint.
- (3) All staff are provided initial training about medical considerations during physical restraints, as well as refresher training every 12 months.