

UNIT 18, CASUARINA PRISON — FIRES

**1199. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to community reports of a fire in a cell at unit 18 at the end of October 2022.

- (1) On what date or dates have fires occurred in cells at unit 18?
- (2) Once the fire or fires were extinguished, for how long were the young people involved in each incident left in their cells before being granted medical attention?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

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

- (1) On 1 September 2022 and 30 October 2022.
- (2) Preservation of life is the priority in all critical and emergency incidents. All custodial staff are trained to provide first aid. Young people involved in the incidents when fires had been deliberately lit in their cells were moved immediately from their cells and provided first aid care. Medical assistance is sought immediately upon the identification of such critical incidents. In both incidents, the time was not more than 10 minutes before medical staff arrived to the unit to render assistance when it was deemed safe to do so.