

BANKSIA HILL DETENTION CENTRE — PREMIER'S MEETING

**748. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:**

I refer to the meeting held in the Premier's office this morning regarding Banksia Hill Detention Centre.

- (1) Will the Premier be making the issues, solutions and recommendations raised by stakeholders and the outcomes of this meeting public?
- (2) Was there consensus from attendees on whether there should be an independent inquiry or not?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

- (1) To the Leader of the Opposition's first question, firstly, I thank the attendees this morning. It was a very good meeting. Everyone got to have their say for as long as they wanted to speak; everyone who was invited—I think there were eight representatives of community and other organisations, maybe six or seven public servants and three elected representatives. In particular, all the people from the community groups got to speak for as long as they wanted, and at the end of the meeting I went back to them twice to ask whether there was anything more they wanted to raise. Everyone got to air any issues they had. They raised a range of issues, which I just ventilated to the press outside. I committed to responding in writing to them and will be making further announcements publicly, I expect, before the end of the year in terms of some of the responses to those issues. Much of what they raised, the government already has in train. For instance, one person raised that we need on-country options for young people, and, obviously, we announced in the budget earlier this year that we will be doing that in the Kimberley. Another person raised that they would like to see a rewrite of the juvenile justice act—that is already in train. We are working on that. Another person raised that they would like to see a different, enhanced more therapeutic model of care. The government is working on that already, and I expect we will have further announcements on those things. It was productive to hear it, but it is good to know that we are on the right pathway.
- (2) In terms of the Leader of the Opposition's second question about an inquiry, there was overwhelming consensus that there should not be an inquiry—and in fact virtually every participant said they do not want any more inquiries.