

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

800. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:

I refer to the Minister for Corrective Services' answer to my question yesterday in question time when he said he was taking legal advice on how to respond to comments by Professor Fiona Stanley and the clearly different recollections of the Premier, the minister and other participants at the meeting. Can the Premier explain why the Commissioner for Children and Young People said that the Premier had taken 21 pages of notes during the meeting but he advised in an answer to the Legislative Council that no transcript, minutes or audio of the meeting were taken?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

What I said was entirely true. Can the Leader of the Opposition tell the difference between the answer to the question in the upper house and what I said yesterday? I took 23 pages of notes. They were not minutes, it was not a transcript and it was not audio. I answered the question from the upper house truthfully. I do not know what else the Leader of the Opposition is after.

I want to repeat two things that I said yesterday. Firstly, the column that I saw in *The West Australian* yesterday by Professor Stanley said that the minister was advocating against Aboriginal people getting employed. That is totally untrue. The minister advocated for Aboriginal people being employed, particularly at Banksia Hill. That is what he said in the meeting. He was absolutely clear on that point. Secondly, the only person who said there needed to be a further inquiry was Daniel Morrison. At least four or five other invitees said they did not want any further inquiries. One of those who said they did not want a further inquiry was Professor Fiona Stanley. She said she did not want a further inquiry. That is what she said at the meeting. Everyone heard it. It was written clearly in my notes of the meeting. I do not understand why people are now saying something completely contrary publicly to what they said in the meeting.