

YOUTH DETENTION — INQUIRY

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

I have a supplementary question. On what date will the Premier's secret and exclusive meeting take place?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

I do not know the answer to that question, and it is a silly question. Sometime this week or next week I will convene people in a meeting to see whether there are any other ideas out there. One of the ideas that was put out this morning was to use the Bullsbrook facility, which was put in place by the last federal government. The problem with using the Bullsbrook facility is that it is not escape-proof and it does not have all the measures in place to prevent suicide. There are lots of ideas out there, but when we drill down into them we find there are issues. I do not want to put young people in an environment in which it is easier for them to self-harm.

*Distinguished Visitors — Hon Peter Dowding, SC; City of Fremantle; Relationships Australia; Brian Smith;  
and Scarborough Primary School*

**The SPEAKER:** I am delighted to welcome to the Speaker's gallery this afternoon Hon Peter Dowding, SC, former Premier of Western Australia. Welcome, Peter.

I am also very pleased to welcome the Mayor of Fremantle, Hannah Fitzhardinge; the chief executive officer of the City of Fremantle, Glen Dougall; Mr Chris Lewis from Relationships Australia; Mr Brian Smith; and, most importantly, students from Scarborough Primary School. The member for Scarborough has asked me to acknowledge the principal and the students from Scarborough Primary School. It is always great to have young people in the Speaker's gallery. Thank you for coming to Parliament House.