

YOUTH DETENTION — INQUIRY

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

I refer to the Premier's claim that inquiries are nothing more than expensive talkfests and the public is over them.

- (1) Is it the Premier's view that the FIFO inquiry conducted by the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee that resulted in sweeping reform in the mining sector to combat sexual conduct was an expensive talkfest and a waste of time?

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, please!

**Ms M.J. DAVIES:** I continue —

- (2) If not, why does the Premier continue to refuse to support an open and transparent inquiry to address the serious issues impacting young people with complex needs and behaviours in our state's justice system?

**The SPEAKER:** Just before I give you the call, Premier, I will ask the member for Wanneroo not to interject and I will ask the member for Burns Beach not to repeatedly interject while someone is actually asking a question.

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

- (1)–(2) Clearly, I was directly responding, as I recall, to a question on Banksia Hill, not in response to other issues. I answered a question on the basis that there has already been a whole range of inquiries into Banksia Hill over many years. A meeting will be held next Wednesday between myself, senior public servants and a range of interested parties and if any good ideas come from that, we will be able to take them forward.