

BANKSIA HILL DETENTION CENTRE — UNIT 18 — LEGAL SERVICES

1090. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to youth detention, and I ask:

- (a) what hours are legal services able to access clients face-to-face at Unit 18 and Banksia Hill Detention Centre respectively;
- (b) is it true that legal services are only able to access the young people in Unit 18 during official visiting hours 8:30am–9:30am, which is also the only time that families can visit these children; and
- (c) are legal services able to speak with clients in a private room at Unit 18?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

- (a) Legal Services are able to access in person official visit times at:
Unit 18 – Monday to Friday from 08:45am to 09:45am
Banksia Hill Detention Centre – Monday to Friday from 09:00am to 4:00pm
- (b) No.
- (c) Yes. Legal Services can speak with young people at Unit 18 by phone or e-visits which are facilitated in a separate room. If in-person visits are required, Legal Services can use the non-contact visit rooms.

The length of legal visits has been raised.

For visits that require more than the available 1 hour at Unit 18, they can and are being facilitated at Banksia Hill through the young person being escorted to Banksia Hill for the purpose of the visit.