

BANKSIA HILL DETENTION CENTRE—UNIT 18, CASUARINA —
SUICIDE ATTEMPTS AND SELF-HARM

647. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to media reports that four youth detainees from unit 18 at Casuarina Prison were taken to hospital last week after swallowing shards of glass.

- (1) How many children were involved in the self-harm attempt reported in the media, and how many of those children were taken to hospital?
- (2) Have the children who were taken to hospital since been returned to unit 18, and are they being provided with appropriate mental health support?
- (3) Please provide the latest number of suicide attempts and self-harm cases in July and August, to date, respectively, at —
 - (a) Banksia Hill Detention Centre; and
 - (b) unit 18, Casuarina Prison.

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Corrective Services.

- (1) Four children were involved. One young person attended hospital and was returned the same day with no further medical intervention required.
- (2) Yes.
- (3)
 - (a) For the month of July 2022, there were 36 reported minor self-harm attempts and one attempted suicide attempt at Banksia Hill. There have been three minor self-harm attempts and nil attempted suicide attempts at Banksia Hill from 1 to 8 August 2022.
 - (b) From 20 July to 31 July 2022, there have been two minor self-harm attempts and two attempted suicide attempts at unit 18 from 1 to 8 August 2022. There have been 11 minor self-harm attempts and one attempted suicide attempt at unit 18.