

YOUTH DETENTION — SELECT COMMITTEE

**1103. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer the minister to the article titled “Confronting footage of 14yo restrained at kids’ prison” in yesterday’s *The West Australian* and note that it sits alongside articles titled “‘Greatest Fear’: Death in custody anxiety over Banksia Hill” and “Pushed to the brink of suicide inside Banksia Hill”, and calls from the Inspector of Custodial Services to end youth lockdowns.

- (1) Will the government consider forming a select committee to look into the issues surrounding juvenile detention?
- (2) If yes to (1), will such a committee’s remit include the examination of international responses to juvenile criminal behaviour in an attempt to identify best practice?
- (3) Will the government commit to an increase in funding to prevent and reduce the causes of juvenile offending if recommended by such a committee?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations advises that an answer to this question is unable to be prepared in the limited time available today. The minister will seek to provide an answer on 16 November 2022.