

BANKSIA HILL DETENTION CENTRE — FUNDING

1087. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the Minister for Corrective Services media statement dated 18 April, 'entitled: \$25.1 million committed for Banksia Hill Detention Centre,' and I ask:

- (a) how much of the \$3.6m to establish the Aboriginal Services Unit has been spent to date, and how many new or additional people has this money been used to employ; and
- (b) how much of the \$21.6 million in funding for critical infrastructure works has been spent at Banksia Hill to date, and what upgrades has the funding been able to complete to date?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

- (a) The Department of Justice has created four (4) Aboriginal Youth Support Officers. The recruitment process has commenced for these positions. The two (2) Nurses and two (2) Aboriginal mental health workers positions are in the process of being created. Nil expenditure has been incurred from the \$3.6 million to date.
- (b) To date, \$13.4 million of the \$21.6 million committed funding has either been spent or is allocated through an approved tender or construction process.

The completed works include:

Modifications to inner perimeter fence, Jasper Unit ceiling and window upgrades, Project Definition Plan for the new Crisis Care Unit, new fences and roof protection for both the Intensive Supervision Unit and Jasper Unit are due for completion December 2022/January 2023.