

BANKSIA HILL DETENTION CENTRE — PREMIER'S MEETING —  
PROFESSOR FIONA STANLEY'S COMMENTS

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

I have a supplementary question. I will re-read the quote —

... we pushed for an inquiry into what is happening at Banksia. At no time did we agree the Government was “on the right track”.

Is the Premier or Dr Fiona Stanley telling the truth?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

I just want to make two things clear. Dr Fiona Stanley said at the meeting that she did not want an inquiry. That is what she said. That is what my notes say; that is what other people's notes say. That is what I heard her say. I also note that in her article in *The West Australian* today, she said that the Minister for Corrective Services said that he did not want to employ Aboriginal people in the corrections system. He said the opposite at the meeting. That is what my notes reflect. That is what I heard him say. I do not know why she has said the things she has said, because the note takers—I and others—recorded what was said.