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Attention:
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Dear Ms Quirk

Agency Review Hearing with Disability Services Commission (30 October 2013) – Response to Questions on Notice

To follow is additional information requested by the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee.

1. The precise location of 11 sites identified by the WA Planning Commission as being potentially suitable for disability justice centres.

Location criteria	Sites not selected and reason why (from Hansard)	
1. land size, with a minimum block size of 7,000 square metres 2. a flat block with capacity for landscaping 3. reasonable access to public transport 4. location not in close proximity to schools kindergartens or childcare centres 5. location a reasonable distance from neighbours with a buffer zone 6. location in reasonable proximity to shops and community amenities 7. location not in industrial areas	Site 1: Lots 3 and 22 Berrigan Drive Cockburn Central	Block too small and opposite a high school. Site affected by a power line easement. Minimal buffer to the rest of the residential community.
	Site 2: Lot 346 Curtin Avenue Cottesloe	Block too small, next door to a school and with heritage buildings that need to be retained. Minimal buffer to the rest of the residential community.
	Site 3: Lot 9547 Jutland Parade Dalkeith	Buildings are on the Register of Heritage Places and on a Crown Reserve.
	Site 4: Lot 13 Hayes Avenue Dianella	Block was too small and within a residential area. Minimal buffer to the rest of the residential community. Site constraints due to Water Corporation works crossing the site.

Location criteria	Sites not selected and reason why (from Hansard)	
8. location likely to be acceptable to local council	Site 5: Lots 5 and 301 Corfield Street Gosnells	Two houses face directly towards the block. The street on which the houses are located would need to be used by staff and visitors on an ongoing basis. Creating another suitable access road would be problematic and expensive. Site considered more suitable to an aged care residential development.
	Site 6: Portion of Lot 800 Forrest Road Haynes	Undeveloped area without essential services eg. power, water or sewerage. Connection costs would be very high. No public transport access, very isolated and not in the community, with minimal proximity to shops or community amenities.
	Site 7: Portion of Lot 15 Champion Drive Seville Grove	Adjacent to a proposed primary school. Insufficient distance to neighbours, with the properties sharing a boundary with the site. Minimal buffer to the rest of the residential community.
	Site 8: Portion of Lot 1001 Tindal Avenue Yangebup	Site too small and no opportunity for the landscaping required for creating a buffer. Neighbouring houses looking down directly onto the site.
	Site 9: Lots 32 and 33 Thorne Place South Yangebup	Insufficient distance to neighbours, with neighbouring properties sharing a boundary with site. A future road would encroach on the block.

2. The reasons why the Kiara and Lockridge sites were selected over the other 9 potential sites and the criteria and/or reasons for rejecting the other 9 sites.

Disability Justice Centre Proposal for Lot 11943 at 130 Lord Street Caversham

Summary of the key features of the Lord Street site

Criteria	Bennett Brook
Within Budget	Owned by Disability Services Commission with no additional cost.
Land: Size \geq 7,000 sqm and quality of site	Meets the size requirements. Good flat site of approximately 15,000 sqm of which half would be required. Minimal additional site works required.

Criteria	Bennett Brook
Community: Minimise impact	Good existing relationship with the neighbours. Neighbours opposite front entrance, however not directly facing property. Redevelop the current site rather than a totally new development.
Community: Visual Buffer	Existing buffer and bordered on two sides by bushland and on the third side by the retained Commission buildings. Good buffer zone between area required and the neighbouring properties.
Community: Connections and partnerships	Existing long term community. Thirty (30) year history of service provision on the site.
Services: Proximity and availability of other services/ hospitals	Existing services and Midland Health Campus opening in 2015. Lockridge Primary School within one kilometre. No change to the current level of proximity.
Access and Transport	Access to bus services nearby on Lord Street.
Other potential uses of the site	Continued DSC service provision.

Disability Justice Centre Proposal for Portion of Lot 88 and Lot 4 Altone Road, Kiara

The Kiara site is a small section (less than four per cent) of a very large generally undeveloped land holding owned by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC). The broader site is bordered by the Lockridge High School farm, an Optus satellite tracking station, Altone Road and the Altone Park Golf Course.

The land is currently made available to the school farm for grazing animals. The site was reserved for Parks and Recreation under the Metropolitan Region Scheme.

The WAPC has identified the land as a surplus site and it is earmarked for rezoning and redevelopment for housing. The WAPC is in discussion with the Department of Housing to undertake a joint venture development.

Incorporation of the disability justice centre would form part of the detailed planning for the development of the broader site. It would be located next to the Optus station and set back from Altone Road to mitigate the concerns of the closest existing residents (approx. 140-160 metres away from Altone Road). The facility can be buffered by new residential lots and purchasers will buy into the estate in the knowledge that the facility is present.

Further negotiations are occurring between the Disability Services Commission, the Department of Housing and the Department of Planning regarding the site works at Altone Road, Kiara and the exact location of the buildings. The site is approximately two kilometres from the Bennett Brook site.

Summary of the key features of the Kiara site:

Criteria	Kiara
Within Budget	Owned by WA Planning Commission, cost to be specified
Land: Size 7,000 sqm	Exceeds size requirements (7,000 sqm required). Current site is approximately 20 hectares
Quality of site	Water management and additional site and headwork costs. Connecting costs of essential services would be high to the proposed site.
Community: Minimise impact	No immediate neighbours. Community to build up to centre, with a suitable buffer area. Controversy regarding the land required for the farm land associated with Lockridge Senior High School.
Proximity to community facilities	Catholic Primary School within 1,000 metres. Lockridge Senior High School within 700 metres.
Community: Visual Buffer	Utilise watercourse and landscaping. Current bike path would need to be realigned.
Community: Connections and partnerships	Existing long term community nearby. Potential new housing development for the remainder of property.
Services: Proximity and availability of other services/ hospitals	Existing services and Midland Health Campus opening in 2015.
Access and Transport	Bus services nearby on Altone Road
Other potential uses of site	Housing development.
Other considerations	Proximity to Bennett Brook, within two kilometres

3. Clarification of criteria used to determine the composition/membership of the Mentally Impaired Accused Review Board.

The membership of the Mentally Impaired Accused Review Board is prescribed in the Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996. The following extract from this Act is relevant.

CRIMINAL LAW (MENTALLY IMPAIRED ACCUSED) ACT 1996 - SECTION 42

42. Members

(1) The members of the Board are —

(a) the person who is the chairperson of the Prisoners Review Board appointed under section 103(1)(a) of the *Sentence Administration Act 2003* ;

(b) the persons who are community members of the Prisoners Review Board appointed under section 103(1)(c) of the *Sentence Administration Act 2003* ;

(c) a psychiatrist appointed by the Governor; and

(d) a psychologist appointed by the Governor.

(2) The Governor may appoint a psychiatrist to be the deputy of the psychiatrist appointed to the Board and a psychologist to be the deputy of the psychologist.

(3) The person referred to in subsection (1)(a) is the chairperson of the Board.

(4) Those members of the Board who are also members of the Prisoners Review Board are members of the Board only while they are members of the Prisoners Review Board.

(5) Schedule 1 to the *Sentence Administration Act 2003* (other than clause 5) applies in respect of the psychiatrist and the psychologist appointed as members of the Board as if they were members of the Prisoners Review Board appointed by the Governor.

[Section 42 inserted by No. 41 of 2006 s. 82.]

Yours sincerely



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