

KIMBERLEY JUVENILE JUSTICE STRATEGY

906. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the Kimberley juvenile justice strategy and comments made by the director general for the Department of Justice and ask for clarification.

- (1) Is it anticipated that those attending the on-country diversion or therapeutic centres will be subject to orders of a court?
- (2) If no to (1), will the youths who commit crimes, including minor crime, be compelled to attend?
- (3) If yes to (2), how will the state compel youths to attend these diversion centres?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Corrective Services.

- (1) The Kimberley juvenile justice strategy is being progressed as one element of a broader approach to Aboriginal youth wellbeing in the Kimberley and in partnership with the local Aboriginal Regional Governance Group. Funding has recently been allocated to co-design options for on-country alternatives to detention. This will occur through the ARGG and partner agencies including the Mental Health Commission, Department of Education, Department of Communities and WA Police. As the project has only just commenced, no decision has been made regarding the role of the courts.
- (2)–(3) Not applicable.