

BANKSIA HILL DETENTION CENTRE — MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES' COMMENTS

**289. Mr R.S. LOVE to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I have a supplementary question. Minister, we had yet another riot this week. When is the minister going to do the decent thing and step aside to let someone else fix this mess?

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON replied:**

The one thing I know is that the Leader of the Opposition is not going to fix this mess. The one thing I know is that he has not suggested a single new policy. Not a single idea comes from the Nationals WA. We have had some ideas from the Leader of the Liberal Party, who wants to build a new facility. There are three sites in the seat of Vasse, but the member for Vasse has still not told us which of those three sites she is choosing for the new facility. It is one thing to make these glib statements in front of a TV camera; it is another thing to do the policy work that is needed.

There was a riot at Banksia Hill this week because 47 people, including six adults, made the decision to be violent. I am not going to give in to violence. If the Leader of the Opposition wants to give in to violence and support these violent offenders, that is his decision.

**The SPEAKER:** I remind members, particularly ministers in response, that this is a very brief question time.