

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — ON-COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL FACILITY

**562. Hon PETER COLLIER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to the proposed Marlamanu on-country residential youth justice facility.

- (1) What will be the maximum number of youths—male and female—that the facility will hold?
- (2) Will the facility be operational 12 months a year?
- (3) If no to (2), when will it be operational?
- (4) If it will not be operational for any period of time, where will the detainees be facilitated?

**Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Regional Development.

- (1) The capacity of the program will be finalised as part of the operational and program planning currently underway.
- (2)–(4) It is expected that participants will complete their full onsite program during a single dry season. The facility will not operate during the peak wet season due to environmental conditions common to all remote areas in the Kimberley. The specific periods of operation will be finalised as part of the operational and program planning, which is currently underway.

The use of the word “detainees” suggests an ongoing misunderstanding that this will be a formal correctional facility. Marlamanu will be an on-country diversionary facility. There will be no detainees at the facility, as it will not be a correctional facility.