Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health.

I refer to the Minister's media release of Tuesday, 24 July 2012 regarding the locations of Kenwick and Herne Hill for the Disability Justice Centres, and ask:

(1) When was the Minister first advised that the centres would be classed as residential facilities and therefore would be subject to council approval?
(2) Who advised the Minister of this?
(3) What actions did the Minister take to satisfy herself that this was correct advice?
(4) When was the Minister advised that the centres would be defined as public works and who advised the Minister of this?

1-4 The Disability Services Commission was of the view from the outset that the Disability Justice Centres would be classified as residential facilities.

On 31 July 2012, the Disability Services Commission advised me that it had received advice from the State Solicitor that the Disability Justice Centres were not likely to be classified as residential facilities.

I recognise that local government has an important role to play in planning processes.

In line with this advice, I undertook discussions with local government Mayors and Chief Executive Officers to explore their views and likely issues, as the beginning of a comprehensive community and stakeholder engagement process.

In the event that local government issues will need to be resolved, I will seek to demonstrate a clear process and resolve outstanding issues.

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Wednesday, 12 September 2012

Question on notice

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL