LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice
Thursday, 20 October 2016

4553. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services

I refer to the Minister's response to question without notice No. 881 and supplementary information, released under Freedom of Information, from the Department for Corrective Services to the Department for Child Protection and Family Support on the 8 May 2014, which stated “you require details of admissions of young people who are Wards of the State from 10 March 2014 to now? If this is the case, I have a list that I can provide, the list indicates there were 37 admissions”, and I ask:

(a) can the Minister advise why retrospective numbers of children in care at Banksia Hill can be provided to the Department for Child Protection and Family Support but not to the Parliament; and

(b) what is the total number young people were admitted to the centre from 10 March 2014 to 8 May 2014?

The Department of Corrective Services advises:

(a) It was always the intention to provide this information to Parliament. In response to question without notice No. 881 the Minister gave an undertaking to answers parts (2) and (4) within two weeks. On 20 September 2016 a statement was read out after question time seeking to table an updated response however, only the supplementary information was tabled. A response to a further question was asked on 12 October seeking this information was prepared but it was not asked in the Legislative Council.

[See tabled paper no.]

(b) 229
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Wednesday, 7 September 2016

C921. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services

I refer to the Banksia Hill Detention Centre and I ask:

1. What was the total number of children admitted to the centre during 2014/2015 and 2015/2016?

2. How many of the young people listed in (1) were flagged as ‘wards of the state’ and/or ‘children in the care of the CEO’ during each of 2014/2015 and 2015/2016?

3. How many young people were admitted to the centre from the 1 March to the 31 May 2014?

4. How many of the young people in (3) were flagged as ‘wards of the state’ and or ‘Children in the Care of the CEO’?

5. Have any provisions been put in place to flag children who are not ‘wards of the state’ or ‘Children in the Care of the CEO’ but who have open cases with the Department for Child Protection and Family Support?

The Department of Corrective Services (the Department) advises:

Children in care have not been referred to as ‘wards of the State’ since the introduction of the Children and Community Services Act 2004, in particular s30. The correct term for children in protection is ‘child is in the CEO’s care’

The Department of Corrective Services (the Department) advises:

(1) 753 in 2014-15
   803 in 2015-16

(2) 100 in 2014-15
   112 in 2015-16

(3) 318

(4) 47

(5) No