

Questions on Notice

At p.2 "How many suicides in juvenile custody facilities are you aware of since your appointment?"

Juvenile Justice has advised that for the period of 11 April 2016 to 25 May 2017 there were no suicides of young people in Juvenile Justice custodial facilities in New South Wales

At p.5 "Are there any held in custody?" [Referring to far right wing radicals and extremists]

Information has been provided by Corrective Services New South Wales (CSNSW) that as at 25 May 2017 there were three inmates in custody in New South Wales who were known to hold far right wing extremist views.

At p.5 "Recently there have been media reports about the amounts of phones that have been found in prisons. Do you have a comment on how they are getting in and how we could possibly stop them?"

CSNSW has advised that most often, mobile phones are brought into correctional centres by people visiting inmates, or by being thrown over outer perimeter fences. CSNSW has a range of strategies aimed at preventing the entry of phones into centres, including mobile phone detection dogs, random and targeted searches of prisoners, cells, and common areas in prisons, and searches of staff and visitors entering prisons.

CSNSW also has portable detector poles to detect mobile phones that have been secreted on a person, and hand-held electronic radio frequency signal detection equipment. In addition, CSNSW has recently received approval to conduct a trial of mobile phone jamming devices at Goulburn Correctional Complex. This follows a similar trial at Lithgow Correctional Centre which commenced in 2013 and has been extended to 2018.