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Juvenile Justice, Volunteering, Youth, Veterans' Affairs

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**Questions relating to the portfolios of Juvenile Justice, Volunteering,
Youth and Veterans' Affairs**

18 September 2009, 4.15 pm – 6.00 pm

Questions from Ms Robertson

1. Juvenile Justice
 - a. Can the Minister outline the changes to the Emu Plains Centre, and its detainee population?
 - b. How will the NSW Government's Young people in Custody Health Survey benefit the Juvenile Justice system?
2. Veterans Affairs
 - a. Can the Minister update the Committee on the Korean War Memorial project in Moore Park?
 - b. What funds are provided by the NSW Government for the ANZAC War Memorial Building in Hyde Park?
3. Youth
 - a. What action has the Government taken to encourage young people to participate in their communities more actively?

Questions from Mr Clarke

4. What is the September 2009 proportion of NSW juveniles with Indigenous descent?
5. What are the male and female proportions of juveniles with Indigenous descent?
6. What is the current rate of recidivism for Indigenous offenders? (2008-2009 figure is sufficient)
7. For each early intervention program (listed below), would the Minister please outline how many Indigenous juveniles participated in each program and what are the results on their success rates in these programs?
 - a. Dthina Yuwali (Drug & Alcohol program)
 - b. The Journey to Respect Program (Family Intergenerational violence)
 - c. The Intensive Supervision Program (Family Focused approach)
 - d. The Targets for Effective Change (offending Behaviour targeting relationship skills, handling conflict)
 - e. If there are no results on success rates in these programs, how does the Department and the NSW Government assess their performance in these programs?
8. What are the statistics that the Department holds on the rates of recidivism in Indigenous juveniles that have gone through these early intervention programs?
9. How does the rate of recidivism of Indigenous juveniles compare with the rate of recidivism of non-Indigenous juveniles participating in these early intervention programs?
10. What are the plans for these early intervention programs in the near future? If they are successful, will these early intervention programs be extended?

11. What are the expected consultation fees for Noetic Group for compiling the report into NSW's juvenile justice system?
12. Will the NSW Government's report by the Noetic Group include recommendations on how to address this huge recidivism rate for Indigenous offenders?
13. Why did the NSW Government declare the BOSCAR Report "Recent Trends in Legal Proceedings for breach of bail, juvenile remand and crime" Cabinet-In-Confidence (CIC)?
14. Given that BOSCAR is set up to provide the public with information, not to hide secret reports, for what purpose was this Report declared CIC?
15. Who ultimately made the decision to give this report a CIC classification?
16. What has been done by the NSW Government to alleviate the overcrowding in Remand and Juvenile Detention Centres caused by the changes to the Bail laws limiting the number of bail applications that can be made?
17. Did the Juvenile Justice Minister disagree with either the current Minister for Corrective Services John Robertson or the previous Minister for Corrective Services John Hatzistergos over these amendments to the Bail laws?
18. How many Juvenile offenders were detained on remand for each financial year from 2006-2007 to date?
19. Of these, how many juvenile were detained on remand during this time because they did not complete the conditions of their bail? (Please provide separate figures for each financial year from 2006-2007 to date)
20. On average how many days did these offenders stay in a Juvenile Justice facility because they were unable to meet their bail conditions? (Please provide separate figures for each financial year from 2006-2007 to date)
21. Of the juveniles that were jailed for breaching bail conditions, what were the top 3 conditions that were most commonly breached?
22. What is NSW's overall rate of rehabilitation out of custody?
23. Given that the Mini-Budget (p A-7) announced \$37.5 million of savings over 4 years with the "restructure of operations of the DJJ including sharing various activities with other agencies, with other activities undertaken via centralised service arrangements", what is the progress of the \$500,000 in savings announced for the 2008-2009 financial year?
24. How have these Mini-Budget savings been achieved?
 - a. How many self-harm incidents occurred in detention centres for each financial year from 2006-2007 to date?
 - b. Have there been any deaths of juveniles in custody in the financial years 2006-2007, 2007-2008 or 2008-2009? If so, which Juvenile Justice Centre
 - i. What were the circumstances surrounding the incident

- ii. Has an investigation occurred into the incident
- iii. Will a report be compiled and be presented to Parliament?

25. On how many nights did each Juvenile Justice Centre reach full capacity?
26. On how many nights did each Juvenile Justice Centre reach over capacity?
27. What is the total number of beds at each Juvenile justice facility? (Current figures as of 21/9/09 only)
28. How many additional new beds are will be added to each facility in the current financial year?
29. With respect to funding for each centre, would the Minister please provide the actual funding figure for 2008-2009 and the budgeted figure for 2009-2010 for each Juvenile Justice facility?
30. What was the average length of stay in each juvenile justice facility in 2008-2009?
31. What was the total cost to the Department for audiovisual links/appearances?
32. How many young people went through the Juvenile Justice system for each financial year from 2006-2007 to date?
33. How many transfers/movements of detainees occurred in 2008-2009?
34. The 2008 Juvenile Justice Budget estimates indicated that the Department had 8 SES positions, with "2 substantially vacant". Given that the Premier announced 20% in cuts to the SES last year, has this been achieved by DJJ?
35. How many officers were placed under investigation in the last financial year?
 - a. What were the outcomes of those investigations?
 - b. Disregarding any minor incidents, what was the range of serious incidents that were investigated?