

Question on Notice

No. 1126

Asked on Wednesday, 29 September 2004

Ms Menkens MP, asked the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (**Mr Pitt**) -

QUESTION:

For each of the past two financial years and for the year to date what is the:

- (a) actual number of detained youths that do not currently have secure care plans in accordance with standards; and
- (b) required time that care plans must be reviewed within and on how many occasions has this timeframe not been met?

ANSWER:

- Secure Care Plans must be developed and approved within five weeks of a young person being admitted to detention.
- The Plans must be reviewed every three months unless the Centre Manager approves a longer interval.
- I am pleased to advise that the number of young people admitted to detention who have Secure Care Plans in accordance with departmental standards has improved significantly over time.
- In 2002 / 2003 financial year there were 82 instances where a young person did not have a Secure Care Plan approved and reviewed.
- This figure was dramatically reduced in 2003 / 2004 financial year when there were only two instances where a young person did not have a Secure Care Plan.
- Finally, in the first three months of this financial year, all detained young people admitted to detention have had a Secure Care Plan approved and reviewed in accordance with departmental standards.