

**Question on Notice
No. 1095
Asked on 9 June 2006**

MRS PRATT asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the Woodford Correctional Centre and to the closure of the gym facilities at this correctional facility –

Why was it closed, what happened to the equipment and when will these facilities reopen?

ANSWER:

The staff gymnasium at Woodford Correctional Centre was closed in 2003 following concerns in relation to public liability regarding the operation of both the gym and the Social Club. In addition, the sale and provision of alcohol on the premises ceased.

The use of Departmental premises for activities that are neither supervised nor controlled by the Department was a concern, and this included the use by the Social Club at Woodford Correctional Centre of Departmental premises for social and recreational activities.

Due to the Department's concerns regarding the matter of public liability, the Department has no plans to reopen the staff gymnasium at Woodford Correctional Centre. The equipment from the former gymnasium has been secured, pending a decision in relation to its disposal in accordance with government procedure.

The Department encourages staff to consider the use of external services within the community to improve health and wellbeing. In addition, the Department provides regular publications on its website on a range of health and wellbeing topics for staff.