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Concern continues over prison privatisation

ALP Candidate for the seat of Riverton Hannah Beazley is up to speed on the issues relating to the young adults prison being established in Murdoch.

She met with Community and Public Sector Union/Civil Service Association officials and constituents at the Riverton Forum shopping centre on Thursday.

Concern is mounting over the transformation of the Rangeview Remand Centre for juveniles into a prison for young males from 18 to 24 years of age.

CPSU/CSA Branch Secretary Toni Walkington said most people in the community recognised that public services such as prisons needed to remain in public hands.

She thanked Ms Beazley for listening to community concerns which was in stark contrast to Jandakot MLA Joe Francis and Riverton MLA Mike Nahan who refused meeting requests.

“Our members can’t understand why the Barnett Government has entered into a \$171million arrangement with controversial multi-national company Serco to run the Murdoch facility for the next 15 years,” Ms Walkington said.

“It is hard to justify handing over that money when at the same time government agencies are being forced to cut 8% from their budgets.

“The Barnett Government is intent on privatising government services without giving a thought about the impact on the community, the workers or the people inside juvenile detention.”

Ms Walkington said prisons and prison services should always be in public hands.

She said securing quality public services would play a key role in the union’s campaign leading up to the March 2013 State Election

“We want to see people elected into parliament who care about the justice system.”

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