MINISTER FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

YOUTH BOOT CAMP PILOT PROVIDERS ANNOUNCED

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Young offenders and youth at-risk of offending could shortly be placed into an early intervention Boot Camp following today’s announcement of the two organisations chosen to deliver the pilot program.

Minister for Correctional Services John Elferink said Tangentyere Council and the Operation Flinders Foundation have been identified as the chosen providers for the youth Boot Camps.

“The Boot Camps will provide youth with discipline, rehabilitation and leadership to address the causes of the individual’s offending behaviour,” Mr Elferink said.

“It is important to assist at-risk youth to divert them away from the juvenile correctional system.

“Tangentyere Council and the Operation Flinders Foundation both have proven experience of using an intervention approach to prevent youth from turning to a lifetime crime.

“Tangentyere Council has 20 years of experience at delivering a broad range of services to at-risk youth in Central Australia.

“The Council, in partnership with JESUITS Social Services, has also worked with youth in communities across Victoria and Western Australia.

“Similarly, Operation Flinders Foundation has provided a youth services program for more than 20 years.

“The program is currently located in the Flinders Rangers in South Australia and has seen around 5000 at-risk youth participate in the camp.

“At-risk youth identified to benefit from the program are expected to arrive at the Boot Camps in coming months.

“The Country Liberals Government committed $2 million in Budget 2013-14 towards delivering youth Boot Camps, with a strong focus on reducing crime in the community,” Mr Elferink said.

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