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**11 Senator S.C. Ferguson of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the occupancy of Greenfields: [9767]**

What has been the average weekly occupancy of Greenfields over the past 2 years? How many weeks, if any, have there been no offenders present and what has been the average number of staff onsite at any one time?

**Senator A.K.F. Green (The Minister for Health and Social Services):**

In 2015 Greenfields was occupied around 70 per cent of the time. That was 115 days there were no residents. Average occupancy at any one time varied from one to 3 residents. So far in 2016 Greenfields has been continuously occupied.

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Occupancy levels vary at any one time from one to 3 residents. Over these 2 years the average numbers of staff on site at any one time have been 3 on a day shift and 2 on a night shift. However, the staffing ratio is assessed according to the needs of each individual young person and the mix of all young people in the unit at any given time. When the unit is not occupied the staff are moved to support other children's homes and looked-after children.

**3.11.1 Senator S.C. Ferguson:**

Given the amount of money spent on converting Greenfields does the Minister consider that we are getting value for money?

**Senator A.K.F. Green:**

It is not just about value for money. It is about the appropriate treatment of our young people and I consider Greenfields to be a much more appropriate place when the court does need to sentence people than La Moye Prison.

**3.11.2 Senator S.C. Ferguson:**

Would Greenfields not be better converted for use by mental health patients currently located at St. Saviour rather than mixing them up with the dementia patients on Clinique Pinel ward?

**Senator A.K.F. Green:**

I think the Senator has got hold of the wrong things here. At St. Saviour's Hospital we have 2 units. We have the assessment unit in Orchard House and we have Clinique Pinel for people with dementia and other mental health complications. Greenfields is absolutely the wrong place for mental health patients to go. So Greenfields is a secure unit which offers accommodation and care to young people who are assessed at having the highest needs at that present time.