

MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES — BUDGET RESPONSIBILITY

1278. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Treasurer:

I refer to public remarks made by the Minister for Corrective Services yesterday and, in particular, his admission of responsibility for budget decisions that contributed to the riot at, and escape from, Greenough Regional Prison in July this year.

- (1) Is this the first time in the 18 months of the McGowan government that a cabinet minister has accepted personal responsibility for the resourcing and management performance of their portfolio without first seeking to lay blame on the previous Liberal–National government for whatever malady has befallen them?
- (2) If yes, does this represent a turning point in the government's economic policy and theories of public and financial administration?

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: When you are all quiet, the Minister for Environment will provide the answer.

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.

The PRESIDENT: The business of the house is resumed.