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PRISON SYSTEM, JUDICIAL INQUIRY

16. Ms S.E. WALKER to the Minister for Justice:

I ask a supplementary question. Will the minister now support a full judicial inquiry, which is not covered by the Public Sector Management Act?

Mr J.B. D'ORAZIO replied:

I have indicated all along that I want this inquiry to be open, and that I want it to encompass -

Ms S.E. Walker: A judicial inquiry.

Mr J.B. D'ORAZIO: The member for Nedlands should wait for the answer.

We are now going through the process of getting someone reputable and independent of politics and this state to carry out the review. I will discuss the matter with that person, who will be given all the powers required to conduct the inquiry as he or she likes. I want this inquiry to be the foundation for the blueprint of prison reform in this state.