

HAKEA PRISON — FIRES

**186. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

A fortnight ago, a 27-year-old man died in custody following a fire at Hakea Prison, one of nine fires over the last six months.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that Hakea Prison was 40 per cent understaffed at the time?
- (2) Is this understaffing ongoing; and, if so, to what level?
- (3) Did the understaffing impact on the timing of the response to the incident?

**Mr P. PAPALIA replied:**

The member knows that a death in custody is subject to coronial inquiry. It would be just wrong to comment on the sort of questions that the member posed in that environment, so I am not going to.