

CRIMINAL LAW (MENTALLY IMPAIRED ACCUSED) ACT — OFFENDERS

**289. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

Regarding the 49 of 56 offenders subject to an order made under the Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996 who are currently on a leave of absence and/or a conditional release order, I ask —

How many of these orders relate to offences committed —

- (a) prior to the 2000 calendar year;
- (b) between 2000 and 2010;
- (c) between 2010 and 2020; and
- (d) post-2020 until the present day?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (a)–(d) Not applicable.

I am not quite sure why it says that, but by way of explanation it continues —

The Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996 (WA) relates to criminal proceedings involving mentally impaired people who are charged with offences and subsequently found by a court to be unfit to stand trial or acquitted by reason of unsoundness of mind.