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CORRECTIVE SERVICES — PAROLEES — RECIDIVISM RATE

175. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

- (1) What is the recidivism rate of former prisoners released on parole in Western Australia?
- (2) How does this compare with other jurisdictions?
- (3) How many prisoners are on parole at the present time?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) In the 2015–16 financial year, 1 080 parole orders were completed, of which 53 or 4.9 per cent were cancelled in that period for reoffending.
- (2) The recidivism rate of former prisoners released on parole is not an indicator that is reported on in national statistics. As such, a national comparison cannot be provided.
- (3) As at 7 June 2017, there were 743 parolees being managed by the department.