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PRISONS — STAFF GRIEVANCES

- 883. Hon Peter Collier to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:
- (1) For each of Western Australia's prisons, how many staff grievances were lodged in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date?
- (2) In reference to (1), how many of the grievances were upheld?
- (3) In reference to (1), how many of the grievances were dismissed?
- (4) In reference to (1), how many of the grievances remain outstanding?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

(1)

Western Australian	Staff Grievances Lodged			
Public Prison	2019 – (1 January – 31 December 2019)	2020 – (1 January – 31 December 2020)	2021 – (1 January – 31 December 2021)	2022 – (1 January – 12 September 2022)
Albany Regional Prison –		One (1)	Three (3)	
Bandyup Women's Prison	Five (5)		One (1)	
Banksia Hill Detention Centre				
Boronia Pre-release Centre for Women	One (1)			
Broome Regional Prison		One (1)		Three (3)
Bunbury Regional Prison		One (1)	Seven (7)	
Casuarina Prison	Two (2)		Four (4)	One (1)
Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison		One (1)	One (1)	Two (2)
Greenough Regional Prison				One (1)
Hakea Prison			One (1)	
Karnet Prison Farm				
Melaleuca Women's Prison				
Pardelup Prison Farm			One (1)	One (1)
Roebourne Regional Prison			One (1)	
Wandoo Rehabilitation Prison			Two (2)	Two (2)
West Kimberley Regional Prison	One (1)	Three (3)		
Wooroloo Prison Farm			One (1)	
TOTAL	Nine (9)	Seven (7)	Twenty-two (22)	Ten (10)

- (2) No Grievances were recorded as 'upheld' for the period referenced given the Department's approach to the management and recording of grievances is a process of seeking resolution, rather than determination.
- (3) Grievances can cease for several reasons, including, but not limited to:

The complainant withdrawing the grievance

Lack of evidence

The complaint lodged does not meet the criteria for a grievance

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The complaint is being ceased and managed under another process

The date provided below, includes grievances where one of the above reasons has occurred.

Western Australian Public Prison	Grievance Ceased/dismissed			
	2020 – (1 January – 31 December 2020)	2021 – (1 January – 31 December 2021)	2022 – (1 January – 12 September 2022)	
Albany Regional Prison		One (1)		
Bandyup Women's Prison				
Banksia Hill Detention Centre				
Boronia Pre-release Centre for Women				
Broome Regional Prison				
Bunbury Regional Prison	One (1)	Two (2)		
Casuarina Prison		Three (3)		
Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison				
Greenough Regional Prison				
Hakea Prison				
Karnet Prison Farm				
Melaleuca Women's Prison				
Pardelup Prison Farm		One (1)	One (1)	
Roebourne Regional Prison				
Wandoo Rehabilitation Prison				
West Kimberley Regional Prison	One (1)			
Wooroloo Prison Farm		One (1)		
TOTAL	Two (2)	Eight (8)	One (1)	

Note: 2019 data not captured.

(4) No grievances remain outstanding for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Broome Regional Prison currently has two grievances outstanding for 2022.