

**OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR OF CUSTODIAL SERVICES, DIRECTED REVIEW OF THE
MANAGEMENT OF OFFENDERS IN CUSTODY, REPORT**

Statement by Minister for Justice

MR J.B. D'ORAZIO (Ballajura - Minister for Justice) [12.23 pm]: Mr Speaker and fellow members, I also wish to comment on the report of the Inquiry into the Management of Offenders in Custody and in the Community. This report is of course crucial to the future direction of my portfolio, and I thank Justice Mahoney for his comprehensive contribution. It is clear from the Mahoney inquiry that we need to restore the balance in our justice system, so that community safety and a reduction in reoffending are its clear priorities. I look forward to the government proceeding with the creation of a new Department of Corrective Services early in the New Year, and introducing new corrective services legislation soon thereafter. These and other initiatives recommended by the inquiry will strengthen Western Australia's prison and community justice systems.

Under section 17 of the Inspector of Custodial Services Act 2003, I directed the Inspector of Custodial Services to undertake a review of certain aspects of the prison system to inform the inquiry of current and future requirements. Professor Harding and his team conducted an extensive review, which included existing infrastructure, staffing levels, indigenous issues and high-level security needs. They produced a substantial body of work that will also be considered as part of future corrections planning. The work undertaken by Professor Harding and his team has been invaluable in providing the inquiry with specialist advice and recommendations for consideration. I wish to place on the record my sincere appreciation of their efforts.

I again thank Mr Mahoney and Professor Harding. I am delighted to table the inspector's directed review that was part of the Mahoney inquiry and will also add to the overall strategic planning process for our prisons system. I table the report "Directed Review of the Management of Offenders in Custody".

[See paper 1101.]

Motion

Mr J.B. D'ORAZIO: I move -

That the report be published.

Question put and passed.