

PRISON STAFF, ASSAULTS AGAINST

316. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Justice

Based upon the COAG definitions, will the Minister provide details on the total number and nature of assaults against on duty prison staff (including prison officers) for the year 2004-2005?

Mr J.B. D'ORAZIO replied:

The Department of Justice advises that the following provides details of assaults on prison staff for the 2004/05 year.

Period	Assault	Serious Assault
2004/05	25	4

All assault data for 2004/05 has been audited according to the Council of Australian Government (COAG) definitions see below. As a result the above figures vary from year-to-date figures.

Definitions:

Assault term An act of physical violence or a physical injury detected which may or may not require short-term medical intervention of a non-hospitalised nature.

Serious Assault bodily Includes all acts of sexual assault and is an act of physical violence, which results in actual harm which:

- Requires medical treatment/assessment by a medical officer resulting in overnight hospitalisation in a medical facility (e.g., prison clinic/infirmary/hospital or a public hospital); and
- Requires extended periods of ongoing medical treatment