

HAKEA PRISON, SECURITY

811. Mr RIEBELING to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Justice:

- (1) Is the security at Hakea Prison less than adequate for a maximum security prison?
- (2) If no, why, considering the recent escapes from the prison?
- (3) If so, what has been done to rectify the less than adequate security processes?
- (4) Will the Minister guarantee local residents and the public of Western Australia there will be no further escapes from the site?
- (5) Does the Minister have full confidence in the management of Hakea Prison?
- (6) Does the Minister regret being involved in the decision making processes that lead to the removal of the concrete wall and the subsequent escape of the three prisoners?

Mr BARRON-SULLIVAN replied:

The Minister for Justice has supplied the following reply:

- (1) The Security at Hakea Prison is considered adequate.
- (2)-(3) Not applicable.
- (4) Guarantees of this nature cannot be made.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) The Minister was not a member of the Amalgamation Project Group that was involved in the decision-making process that lead to the removal of the concrete wall at Hakea Prison.