

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — “THE HEALTH OF AUSTRALIA’S PRISONERS 2012” REPORT

**616. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

- (1) Is the Minister for Corrective Services aware of the report “The health of Australia’s prisoners 2012”, the third report relating to the national prisoner health indicators, which was developed to help monitor the health of prisoners and to inform and evaluate the planning, delivery and quality of prisoner health services?
- (2) Why was Western Australia the only one of all the states and territories not to provide data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for the report?

**Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:**

On behalf of the Minister for Corrective Services, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) No. The Department of Corrective Services advises that it did not provide a copy of the report to the Minister for Corrective Services.
- (2) The Department of Corrective Services considered that the 2012 survey methodology, questions and sample size would not provide statistically valid outcomes of use to the Department of Corrective Services.

The next survey will be conducted in mid-2015 by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare under the auspices of the National Prisoner Health Information Committee. The Department of Corrective Services advises that it is currently working with the National Prisoner Health Information Committee to address the methodological issues of concern. The Department of Corrective Services anticipates participation in the 2015 survey.