

GREENOUGH REGIONAL PRISON — CRITICAL INCIDENT REVIEW —
MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES

1004. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Given the Premier has brought down two budgets to correct the issues he is blaming the previous government for, how many more chances will the Minister for Corrective Services be given for his failures? Will the Premier ask him to resign as part of the upcoming cabinet reshuffle?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

No. This minister is dealing with a legacy that is pretty bad. The legacy that members opposite left us of not enough beds in the prison estate, not enough prison officers to deal with the arrangements and an over-reliance on overtime is a difficult legacy to overcome, but he is doing a very good job in a very difficult portfolio. We will find that any Minister for Corrective Services will always have to deal with issues inside the portfolio because that is the nature of it. But what I will never do is make excuses for people who break the law as those prisoners did. I advise the Liberal and National Parties to stop standing up for prisoners who break the law.