

HAKEA PRISON

753. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Justice

Can the Minister please answer the following questions regarding Hakea Prison -

- (1) Since 16 February 2001, have any employees who work at Hakea Prison received letters at their home addresses from prisoners within Hakea?
  - (a) If so, on how many occasions has this occurred?
  - (b) Can the Minister confirm that at least one employee has gone on stress leave as a result of receiving letters from a prisoner at their home address?
- (2) How many assaults on prisoners by prisoners have taken place inside Hakea for each month since July 2005?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that recently one prisoner was left with severe injuries after being bashed in a "blind spot"?
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that recently a prisoner who was on suicide watch at Hakea prior to being released committed suicide within hours of being granted bail?

Mr J.B. D'ORAZIO replied:

The Department of Corrective Services advises as follows:

- (1) (a)-(b) No
- (2)

July 2005	14
August 2005	10
September 2005	14
October 2005	4
November 2005	5
December 2005	9
January 2006	9
February 2006	11
- (3) A prisoner was recently assaulted resulting in a laceration to the back of his head requiring one suture to the wound. The prisoner did not sustain severe injuries. The location of the incident has since been designated and marked as an area where prisoners are not permitted to congregate and staff regularly patrol this area.
- (4) On reception into Hakea Prison on 11 January 2006, a prisoner was assessed and as a consequence of this assessment the prisoner was placed on the At Risk Management System (ARMS). The prisoner was released on 12 January 2006. Hakea Prison was advised by the police at approximately 09:15 hours on 13 January 2006 that the prisoner had committed suicide in the early hours of 13 January 2006.