

GREENOUGH REGIONAL PRISON — CRITICAL INCIDENT

**515. Mr Z.R.F. KIRKUP to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I have a supplementary question. Can the minister confirm that prisoners who escaped from Greenough Regional Prison knew about and accessed a room containing angle grinders and ladders that prisoners were not meant to know about; and, if so, how did they become aware of that secure location and, again, what actions has the minister undertaken to identify it was about the regional prison riot and blackout —

**Mr D.J. Kelly** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Minister for Water!

**Mr Z.R.F. KIRKUP:** What actions has the minister undertaken to identify how those prisoners became aware —

*Point of Order*

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** There are three questions in that supplementary. It is not a supplementary question.

**The SPEAKER:** No. I will accept one.

*Questions Without Notice Resumed*

**Mr Z.R.F. KIRKUP:** How did the prisoners at Greenough Regional Prison become aware of a secret and secure room that contained the tools and ladders?

**Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:**

That will all come out in the report being undertaken by Ms Jan Shuard. But as to the claim about the maintenance area being a secret and secure room, I have no idea how they found that out. I am sure that they made access to that room through climbing onto the roof, through part of the administrative block and straight into that area. How they knew about the tools in that room, I do not know, member for Dawesville. We will find that out as part of the investigation. However, when I found out, as he knows—I told the media—I immediately demanded that the commissioner ensure that every battery-powered tool, power tool and ladder be taken outside the prison perimeter fence in all prisons across Western Australia, for obvious reasons.