

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION — “REPORT ON CORRUPT
CUSTODIAL OFFICERS AND THE RISKS OF CONTRABAND ENTERING PRISONS”

475. Mr P.A. KATSAMBANIS to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. When is the Premier and his government going to provide a serious response to the continuing Corruption and Crime Commission exposure of what is going on in our prison system, or is the Premier just going to continue to pursue his path of spin and denial, and pretend there is nothing wrong?

Mr F.M. Logan interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister for Corrective Services, I call you to order for the first time.

Point of Order

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I refer to the last part of that question. It was an imputation and I believe it was not a valid question to be asked.

The SPEAKER: I did not hear the last bit, so can you ask the question again, member?

Mr M. McGOWAN: I appreciate the Leader of the House’s point, but I am happy to answer the question.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

Under this government, we brought in significant changes to dangerous sex offender legislation to make it far less likely that they will be released. That did not happen in the eight and a half years of the Liberal–National government. Secondly, this minister is bringing in methamphetamine treatment prisons for both men and women to do our utmost to rehabilitate people in prison who might have a methamphetamine or drug addiction. That has not happened in Australia before. It is an innovative policy to try to deal —

Dr M.D. Nahan: It’s not going to work if the drugs are in the prisons —

Mr M. McGOWAN: He is saying, “It’s not going to work.” Please; the Leader of the Opposition has disgraced himself enough already today.

We will have meth treatment prisons for the first time ever. There are new laws for dangerous sex offenders and methamphetamine treatment prisons for men and women to try to rehabilitate offenders in prison. Both those things occurred under this government and members opposite have provided no acknowledgement of that. There has been no acknowledgement or appreciation that these initiatives are out there. As one minister just reminded me, the ringleader of the Evil 8 child sex offenders was allowed into Banksia Hill Detention Centre under the former government, so when members opposite stand up and make those sorts of allegations, they should look in the mirror.