

ACACIA PRISON, PRISONER SELECTION

816. Mr RIEBELING to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Justice:

- (1) What criteria will be used to select prisoners to be placed in the new Acacia Prison?
- (2) Will the Ministry of Justice select prisoners to minimise risk to the private prison by placing prisoners known to be more compliant in the prison?
- (3) Will the public prison system be placed at any risk as a result?
- (4) Is the public prison system expected to be overcrowded in relation to the designed prison capacity over the coming summer?
- (5) Should the crowded state prison system have the pressure relieved by taking higher risk prisoners from the state system and placing them in Acacia?
- (6) Is the Minister deliberately delaying the opening of Acacia Prison till after the State election?

Mr BARRON-SULLIVAN replied:

The Minister for Justice has provided the following reply.

- (1) Male, medium security prisoners who are from the metropolitan area.
- (2)-(3) No.
- (4) Yes, in relation to its designed operating capacity until Acacia Prison begins to receive prisoners.
- (5) See 1.
- (6) No. Acacia Prison will be operational once the construction work is completed and it has been tested and commissioned properly.