

PRISONS, PURCHASING-SUPPLIER SYSTEM

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

- (1) Is a new purchasing/supplier arrangement system being introduced into the public prison system?
- (2) If yes, who is the project manager?
- (3) Will the Minister guarantee this new arrangement will -
 - (a) provide substantial savings to the prison system;
 - (b) not increase the cost of running the prison system;
 - (c) not impact on small business, particularly in regional areas; and
 - (d) have a greater likelihood of success than the CCA transport outsourcing?
- (4) Why is this process not being introduced throughout the Ministry of Justice?
- (5) Who is the successful tenderer to provide this service?
- (6) Has the successful tenderer operated successfully elsewhere?
- (7) If yes, where?

Mr BARRON-SULLIVAN replied:

The Minister for Justice has supplied the following reply:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Lisa Baker.
- (3) (a)-(d) The aim of this project is to improve the efficiency of the purchasing process across prisons thereby reducing transaction costs and improving the capacity of the prisons to deliver core business outcomes. The purchasing arrangements will comply with Government regional buying policies.
- (4) This is the first stage of introducing new purchasing arrangements throughout the Ministry of Justice.
- (5) The preferred provider recommended from the RFP process is Serco. Serco will commence negotiations with the Ministry of Justice in October.
- (6) Yes.
- (7) Western Australia, Victoria and New Zealand.