

HAKEA PRISON, SECURITY

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

- (1) How many prisoners have escaped from Hakea Prison, Canning Vale since 1 July 2000?
- (2) Has the amalgamation of Canning Vale Prison and the C.W. Campbell Remand Centre caused the security to be less effective?
- (3) Has the amalgamation of these two prisons caused the resulting single prison to have two different physical perimeter barriers?
- (4) Has the amalgamation of these two prisons caused the resulting single prison to have two different and independently operated electronic detection systems on the boundary?
- (5) Did the Ministry of Justice receive security advice that the concrete wall which divided the two joined prisons be left in place and a management gate be installed in it?
- (6) Was that advice -
 - (a) accepted; or
 - (b) rejected or ignored; or
 - (c) not acted upon?
- (7) If so, why?
- (8) Was the vehicle which was used to crash through the wire fence taken from the part of the prison which had originally been enclosed by the concrete wall?
- (9) Who made the decision to remove the concrete wall that resulted in prisoners being able to remove a vehicle from one part of the prison whose boundary is a concrete wall to another part surrounded by a wire fence, and then drive it through the fence?
- (10) How many escapes have taken place from Casuarina Prison?
- (11) Did that prisoner escape by concealing himself in a vehicle?
- (12) Was the Superintendent of Casuarina Prison removed from his position at some time after the escape?
- (13) If so, why?
- (14) How long had he been the Superintendent of Casuarina Prison at the time of his removal?

Mr BARRON-SULLIVAN replied:

- (1) Four.
- (2) The Security Systems at Hakea Prison, including perimeter security, remain at the standard appropriate to Maximum Security Prisons.
- (3) Yes.
- (4)-(5) No.
- (6)-(7) Not applicable.
- (8) Yes.
- (9) The Amalgamation Project Group.
- (10) One.
- (11) Yes.
- (12) The Superintendent Casuarina Prison was seconded to Head Office on the 14/11/1991. Ministry records do not indicate any connection to the escape.
- (13) Not applicable.
- (14) Prior to his placement at Head Office, he was at Casuarina Prison for a period of 19 months.