

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, MANAGER OF INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

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

- (1) I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 2324 of 2000 and ask, has the Manager of the Internal Investigations Unit been removed from his position?
- (2) If yes -
 - (a) why;
 - (b) was it related to the potential of a breach of code of ethics being investigated;
 - (c) what position has this person been transferred to;
 - (d) what skills and qualifications does he bring to the new position; and
 - (e) was the position created for the purpose of the transfer;
- (3) Has the potential breach of the code of ethics been finalised?
- (4) If yes -
 - (a) what were the outcomes; and
 - (b) will the Parliament be provided with a report on the outcome?
- (5) If not, why not?
- (6) When was the original suspected breach brought to the attention of the Ministry?
- (7) Does the Internal Investigations Unit have surveillance equipment?
- (8) If so, what is the nature of the surveillance equipment held by the unit?

Mr BARRON-SULLIVAN replied:

- (1) (a) Yes.
- (2) (a) It was in the best interests of the ministry to do so.
 - (b) Paltry.
 - (c) Manager, Service Monitoring and Investigations.
 - (d) His knowledge of both police and prison cultures and process together with knowledge and skills in investigative techniques.
 - (e) No.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) (a) Issues arising from the inquiry were brought to the attention of the former Manager Internal Investigations Unit.
 - (b) No.
- (5) It is not normal practice to provide such information to Parliament.
- (6) August 1999.
- (7)-(8) No. The items have been transferred to the WA Police Service.