

PRISONS — CONTRABAND

1024. Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE to the Minister for Corrective Services:

In an interview on ABC breakfast radio on 7 November, the Minister for Corrective Services is reported as having called finding the drugs in Bunbury Regional Prison a “win”.

- (1) Does the minister consider finding the drugs more important than preventing them from being there in the first place?
- (2) What is he doing to stop the flow of drugs into his prisons?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, I am sure the minister can answer the question.

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

I thank the member for —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr F.M. LOGAN: That is right. I thank the member for that question.

- (1)–(2) As the member knows, I have already answered all of that issue around the Bunbury Regional Prison raid. In fact, I quoted the member himself; he virtually said the same thing that he just said in this house today.

Mr S.K. L'Estrange: Right, so answer it.

The SPEAKER: No, excuse me.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: I answered it. I answered it by setting out all the things that we have put in place.

Mr S.K. L'Estrange interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Churchlands, I call you to order for the first time. You cannot ask it and answer it.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: I answered it, Mr Speaker, by reminding the member of all the things we have put in place to intervene and to intercept drugs in prisons, including the intelligence that led to finding out about where the drugs were in the first place, which is the point that the member is going to, none of which he had in place. He did not have this in place. The former government had walked away from it. There was no drug strategy in place. It abandoned the space. Of course, prisons were awash with drugs and we are now fixing it up. The member has the hide to come in here and say, “Why don’t you do some initial work before you actually do the raids?” This is ridiculous! Just tell me, member for Churchlands: what is your policy on drugs in prisons?

Mr S.K. L'Estrange: I beg your pardon?

Mr F.M. LOGAN: What is your policy on drugs in prisons?

The SPEAKER: Minister, through the Chair.

Mr S.K. L'Estrange: My policy on that?

Mr F.M. LOGAN: Yes.

Mr S.K. L'Estrange: Well, my question —

The SPEAKER: Minister!

Mr F.M. LOGAN: So there is no policy!

The SPEAKER: Minister!

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister!

Mr F.M. LOGAN: It was a very simple question.

The SPEAKER: Minister! Through the —

Mr S.K. L'Estrange interjected.

The SPEAKER: You will go home if you keep talking like that!

Minister, you will talk through the Chair. You will not ask the opposition questions.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: Mr Speaker, I put a simple proposition to the member for Churchlands, which goes to the very point of the question: what is the opposition's policy on drugs in prisons? This is the third opposition corrections shadow minister. I have asked him to just give me one idea of his own policy on drugs and he could not do it.

The SPEAKER: No.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: He could not do it. Three shadow ministers —

Mr S.K. L'Estrange: The Speaker won't let me answer!

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Churchlands, you cannot interject. Even if he asks, you cannot. That is the rule of Parliament. Has that got through? Okay. Thank you. Minister, through the Chair.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: I will; thank you, Mr Speaker.

Ms S. Winton: A thought bubble.

The SPEAKER: Yes, member for Wanneroo; I got your thought bubble. I call you to order for the first time.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: There were three shadow corrections ministers in nearly three years and not one policy—never mind on drugs, not on anything. There was not one policy. No wonder the member for Churchlands' nickname is "Pluto". He is so far out there in the Liberal solar system, no wonder his nickname is "Pluto".

Withdrawal of Remark

The SPEAKER: Member, you will withdraw that and call him by the correct name.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: I withdraw.