

ABORIGINAL PRISONERS — NON-SERIOUS TRAFFIC OR VEHICLE-RELATED OFFENCES

838. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I am inquiring into the number of Aboriginal people, both men and women, who are currently in prison due to non-serious traffic or vehicle-related offences such as not paying fines.

What are these figures for the following areas for both men and women —

- (a) statewide;
- (b) the Kimberley; and
- (c) the Pilbara?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I would like to thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

I am advised that no Indigenous people have been sentenced for fine defaults only. However, the information below relates to prisoners who identify as Aboriginal and where the most serious remand charge or sentenced offence related to Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification division 14—traffic or vehicle regulatory offences.

As at midnight on 7 November 2017 —

- (a) there were 44 people;
- (b) there were nine people with a last known address in the Kimberley region; and
- (c) there were three people with a last known address in the Pilbara region.