

GREENOUGH REGIONAL PRISON

1062. Mr I.C. BLAYNEY to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I have a supplementary question.

The SPEAKER: A bit slow, member for Geraldton.

Mr I.C. BLAYNEY: Sorry about that, but the answer was very detailed.

Minister, given that a full security fence was a key recommendation from the inquiry into the riot and breakout, will the fence be of the same standard as the perimeter fence?

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

The member will find that it will be equivalent to, or better than, the external security fence. Although the external security fence has double fencing in place—with equipment in between the two fences that goes to other forms of security that I cannot talk about in here—a single fence will be in place between the male and female facilities, but that fence will be as good as, or better than, the internal fence that is around the perimeter of that prison. The only difference between the department and the prisons officers' union is that the prison officers' union wants a tilt-up concrete fence around the female unit that would be enormous, and the Department of Justice is suggesting a steel fence that people cannot look through so that both males and females cannot see each other. It is still exactly the same. The difference is between metal and concrete. That is the only argument that is occurring at the moment.