

BROADSPECTRUM — ESCAPEE — LAURIE DODD

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

I have a supplementary question. That was a very longwinded answer, but let us just try to cut to the chase here. Is the minister saying that the police did not communicate to the Department of Corrective Services that Dodd was violent?

**Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:**

No, that is not what I am saying at all. I am saying that when the member's government downgraded his HSE status, it remained on the file right up until the time at which it was assessed. There is an intelligence hole in the information for any prisoner—not just Dodd—that should flow through from the point of arrest, whether or not that is in the court itself, right the way through to operations and the transport company. That is the failing with corrections, which the previous government left me and which I am going to fix up.

Shall we have a look at the incident itself? Let us have a look. In respect of the contract that the previous government signed with Broadspectrum, which it came in here and crowed about as being \$36 million cheaper than Serco's, it appears—the investigation will confirm this, I presume—that there were two major failings while those private prison contractors were in the hospital room with Dodd. One is that they never followed the instructions given to them by the Department of Corrective Services that Dodd should be wearing handcuffs. They never followed that, and that is quite clear. The second issue, which goes to the management of any prisoner, is basic rule number one: you do not go near the prisoner when you are on your own with him. You never go near the prisoner when you are on your own with him, and particularly when they are not shackled. In this case, this contractor went near Dodd and, unfortunately for him, was violently assaulted, which allowed Dodd to escape. That is an issue that Broadspectrum is going to have to resolve

**The SPEAKER:** Just before we go on, we have had three questions in 25 minutes. If we could have quicker questions and quicker answers, it would be good.