

PRISONS — CCTV COVERAGE

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

I have a supplementary question. In the interest of community safety, can the minister confirm that riots and breakouts could be reduced if prisons had proper CCTV coverage of their prisoners?

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

CCTV certainly does not go to stopping incidents within prisons. What does CCTV do in the general public? It records what has happened in the past. It does not prevent things from happening; it simply records information that can then be used to either bring a criminal case against someone who has done something wrong or rectify something, and that is exactly what would happen in a prison as well. I really cannot see what the member is driving at.

**Mr S.K. L'Estrange:** They monitor the CCTV while it's playing.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** I cannot see what the member is driving at. It certainly would not help to address those issues that the member believes it could.