

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — TABLED PAPER NO 2616

3624. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to tabled paper number 2616, that the Minister asserted was from the Labor Party, and I ask:

- (a) who gave the Minister this document;
- (b) given that tabled paper number 2616 has no logo, watermark or other insignia of the Labor Party, how did the Minister confirm the document's provenance;
- (c) is tabled paper number 2616 part of a longer document, and if so, how many pages are there in the complete document; and
- (d) if the Tabled Paper is part of a longer document, will the Minister table the complete document?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

- (a)–(d) Annual Reports for 2006–07 and 2007–08 confirm that double bunking was being used to increase bed capacity:

“...various strategies have been implemented to accommodate the additional numbers, including double bunking of prisoners in cells.” page 43 2005/06 DCS Annual Report

“Double Bunking is also being need to increase bed capacity. As at 30 June 2007 616 multi- occupancy cells were in use across the State.” page 31 2006/07 DCS Annual Report.

“Finalise installation of 272 ligature free bunk beds at Acacia, Hakea and Casuarina prisons.” page 26 of 2007/08 DCS Annual Report.

This clearly shows that the introduction of bunk beds was supported under the Carpenter Labor Government.