

INSPECTOR OF CUSTODIAL SERVICES — FEMALE PRISONS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**814. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I have a supplementary question. Is the minister saying that the Inspector of Custodial Services was wrong when he said that the programs the minister is applying are making women worse than they were before they came into prison?

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS replied:**

No. I might also table today's media release from the Inspector of Custodial Services that states —  
[See paper 2305.]

**Mr B.S. Wyatt** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Victoria Park, I call you to order for the second time. Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the third time.

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS:** The media release states —

Reducing recidivism has been a general goal of the Department of Corrective Service for many years, but I applaud the sharper focus that is now being given to this by the Minister and the Department and the fact that new initiatives and funding are being directed this way.

*Point of Order*

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Mr Speaker, I asked whether the minister is saying that the Inspector of Custodial Services got it wrong.

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, do you have anything to add?

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS:** No, Mr Speaker.