

PRISON OFFICERS — DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

**834. Hon AMBER-JADE SANDERSON to the Attorney General representing Minister for Corrective Services:**

- (1) For each of the years 2010–11, 2011–12, 2012–13 and 2013 to date, how many prison officers have faced disciplinary charges?
- (2) In each of the above cases, what were the charges for?
- (3) Of those prison officers pursued on disciplinary charges, how many of the charges have been sustained, not sustained and withdrawn?
- (4) For each of Western Australia's prisons, how many unauthorised mobile telephones have been found?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I answer on behalf of the Attorney General. The Department of Corrective Services advises —

- (1) Between 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2013, 93 prison officers faced disciplinary charges. Figures have not been disaggregated for each year to ensure that information does not inadvertently identify an officer.
- (2) Between 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2013, 93 prison officers faced a total of 146 charges for matters such as unprofessional conduct, disobeying lawful order, improper association, fraud, falsifying records, removal of keys, unauthorised access and misuse of force. Between 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2013, eight prison officers, who faced a total of 19 charges, resigned during the course of their investigation and/or as a result of disciplinary action.
- (3) Between 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2013, 102 charges were sustained. Between 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2013, 10 charges were not sustained. Between 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2013, 15 charges were withdrawn. Please note that charges were not pursued due to resignation of the eight officers mentioned above.
- (4) I ask the member to place this part of the question on notice.