

COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES — RESIGNATION

57. Mr M. McGOWAN to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I have a supplementary question. I refer to the minister's self-described "cold-eyes review" of this matter. What were the exact reasons for Mr Ian Johnson's dismissal?

Mr J.M. FRANCIS replied:

That is a question the Leader of the Opposition, as I have said, will have to direct to either the Public Sector Commissioner or the minister for public sector management. Let me tell members opposite: I had a number of issues, as I said, with the direction that the department was going. We have a number of different priorities that we want to take the Department of Corrective Services towards. I raised those issues with the Premier and with the Public Sector Commissioner. I was not part of the meeting; I was not in the room when the Public Sector Commissioner had the conversation with the former Commissioner of Corrective Services.