

PRISON MUSTER — PRISONER ASSAULTS AND SEXUAL ASSAULTS

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

I have a supplementary question. Does the minister know whether the number of assaults and sexual assaults have gone up under this government?

**Mr C.C. PORTER replied:**

Is the member talking in gross or per capita numbers? There is some responsibility —

Several members interjected.

**Mr C.C. PORTER:** These are completely vague concerns and there is no actual question. I go through that data all the time.

**Mr P. Papalia:** The question was: do you know?

**Mr C.C. PORTER:** What is the member suggesting that I should know?

**Mr P. Papalia:** Do you know whether they have gone up under you? You do not know the answer.

**Mr C.C. PORTER:** There are always assaults and, indeed, sexual assaults in the prison system. That has been the case for decades. If the member is suggesting that per capita of the population it is worse now than it was under your government, then put the question and I will answer it.