

PRISONERS — RECIDIVISM RATES

495. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) What percentage of adult prisoners re-offend having completed their first custodial sentence?
- (2) What percentage of indigenous adult prisoners re-offend within two years of having completed their custodial sentence?
- (3) What percentage of non-indigenous prisoners re-offend within two years of having completed their custodial sentence?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (1)-(3) This data is not readily available as the Department of Corrective Services is only able to generate reports that provide rates of return for those detainees who are released and subsequently re-offend resulting only in a new custodial sentence.

(That is, offenders who are given suspended sentences, fines and good behaviour bonds cannot be identified by the Department).