

WOOROLOO PRISON — PRISONER TRANSFER

3031. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the death of a prisoner following a bashing at Wooroloo prison on 21 April 2014 and the fact that charges have been laid against another prisoner, while noting the Minister is unable to prejudice the case before the courts, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister confirm that Wooroloo prison management had previously assessed the prisoner charged over this matter as a higher risk than minimum and had requested his transfer to a medium security prison; and
- (b) can the Minister also confirm that the prison management's request for the transfer was denied by the Department's Head Office due to lack of space in medium security prisons?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

- (a) Wooroloo Prison Farm did not previously assess the prisoner as higher risk than minimum. Wooroloo Prison Farm did not request a transfer to a medium security facility.
- (b) Not applicable