

INDIGENOUS OFFENDERS — RECIDIVISM REDUCTION PROGRAMS

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

- (1) What programs tailored specifically to reduce the rate of re-offending by indigenous offenders are provided in the adult custodial system; and
 - (a) what analysis of these programs is undertaken; and
 - (b) what plans are in place to identify and replicate successful programs for indigenous prisoners?
- (2) What programs are provided within the juvenile and adult custodial systems that involve an element of restorative justice which empowers victims to confront offenders and have them take responsibility for their actions (not necessarily those offenders who committed the offence against these victims but any program that enables any victims to confront any offenders); and
 - (a) what analysis of these programs is undertaken;
 - (b) what percentage of offenders who participate in such programs re-offend;
 - (c) by comparison, what percentage of offenders who do not participate in these programs re-offend; and
 - (d) what percentage of offenders who participate in these programs re-offend by committing a violent crime?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (1) Indigenous Family Violence Program (IFV), Indigenous Men Managing Anger and Substance Use Program (IMMASU), Indigenous Sex Offender Treatment Program — Medium Intensity (ISOTP); and Building on Aboriginal Skills (BOAS).
 - (a) IFV — preliminary analysis with a more formal evaluation to be completed during 2009;
IMMASU — preliminary analysis with a more detailed evaluation to be completed through client and facilitator, community consultation and focus groups;
ISOTP — matched sample study by Offender Programs and Edith Cowan research and evaluation team; and
BOAS commenced in late 2008. As such no data is available as yet.
 - (b) The Department of Corrective Services' (DCS) Offender Services has an Indigenous Facilitation Unit to improve and increase the delivery of culturally appropriate services.

The IMMASU and IFV programs are being modified to create region specific programs, and ISOTP is undergoing refinement to improve delivery.
- (2) Restorative justice models are typically targeted at low end juvenile offenders and those who have not entered into the custodial system.
 - (a)-(d) Not applicable.