

PRISONS — STRIP SEARCHES — VISITORS AND STAFF

991. Hon ED DERMER to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

Some notice has been given of the question.

For each Western Australian prison —

- (1) How many strip searches were performed on visitors for the following years —
 - (a) 2009–10;
 - (b) 2010–11; and
 - (c) 2011–12 to date?
- (2) For the above dates and prisons, how many Corrective Services staff were searched?
- (3) Were all searches listed in (1) and (2) performed according to the guidelines in the Western Australian Prisons Act 1981?
- (4) Have any complaints been lodged in relation to strip searches; and, if so, how many?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question, and provide this information —

- (1)
 - (a) There were 235
 - (b) There were 190.
 - (c) There have been 42 as at 19 October.
- (2) In 2009–10, one; 2010–11, nil; 2011–12 to date, one.
- (3) Yes; all complaints in regard to strip searches are thoroughly investigated. No complaint from 2009–10 to date has been substantiated.
- (4) In 2009–10, five; 2010–11, two; and 2011–12 to date, three.