

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES — INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

243. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I ask a supplementary question. Why did the minister go on morning radio this morning—on both ABC and 6PR—and claim that the personnel in the internal investigations unit have changed when he should know that that individual is definitely still in that investigations unit?

Mr J.M. FRANCIS replied:

There are a number of people in the Department of Corrective Services —

Mr F.M. Logan: Get on and answer the question.

The SPEAKER: Member for Cockburn, I call you to order for the first time.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: The member for Cockburn is cheerleader number one for the Prison Officers' Union in this place. I am not surprised that he interjected. I am not surprised that he —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: I want you to just answer that supplementary question.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: As I said, there are over 5 000 staff in the Department of Corrective Services. If the member wants to know where every single individual member is, I am happy —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members for Fremantle and Girraween, I call you to order for the first time. Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the second time. I do not want this drowning out of speakers.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: If the member wants to know where a particular person is, I am happy to go and find that out, but I can tell the house that there has been significant reform and significant change in the leadership team and the executive team of the Department of Corrective Services. There has been massive change in the leadership team and also significant change when it comes to —

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the first time.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: There has been a large amount of change in the personnel who work in the Department of Corrective Services investigating improper conduct. A lot of new people have gone in there.

Mr P. Papalia: It's all about self-promotion!

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: Yes; right; okay —

Mr P. Papalia: That's all you're about!

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: The member just does not have the ticker! The member does not have the ticker, does he?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: If the opposition has any integrity whatsoever, it will support that bill in the Legislative Council.