

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES — DAVID VOLMER

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

I have a supplementary question. Will the minister now commit to getting an urgent briefing on David Volmer's interaction with all WA correctional facilities and provide an explanation to this house during next week's sitting; and, if not, why not?

Mr J.M. FRANCIS replied:

What do you need? What are you getting at here? Here is someone who, at the time, police did not know was a sex offender; —

Several members interjected.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: — prison staff did not know; the department did not know; I did not know. Nobody knew because, as I said, they do not come with a sign! Interestingly enough, I am asked on many occasions by all kinds of people, including Labor members of Parliament, to involve myself with who gets access to prisons and who does not. Member for Warnbro, listen to this very carefully —

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the first time. Minister, that was a very specific question asked by the member. You have gone about it in a roundabout way. Just answer what he asked; we need to finish.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: It was not that long ago when the member for Warnbro asked me to overturn a ban on a convicted drug dealer to get inside a prison.

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: Asked me to overturn a ban—you went to the media, you bagged me out, and when you found out the truth —

The SPEAKER: Minister, I have given you leeway. You have a chance now to address the last part of his question. If you want to address it, address it, otherwise I am stopping question time.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: As I said, if the member has specific questions, he can put them on notice.