

FINE DEFAULTERS — INCARCERATION

1833. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to provisions within the *Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Act 1994* enabling fine defaulters to enter prison under a warrant of commitment to clear fines, and I ask:

- (a) for each calendar year from 2008 to the present date, on how many occasions did offenders enter prison solely to clear fine defaults — please identify only those who entered prison for fine default alone (i.e. no other offence), but include each entry to prison as a separate incident even if the same offender was incarcerated for the same reason more than once in a calendar year;
- (b) how many of these individuals re-entered the prison system for identical reasons (i.e. fine default alone) on more than one occasion during the period 2008 to the present time;
- (c) how many of these individuals re-entered the prison system for identical reasons on more than two occasions during the same period, on more than three, and on four or more occasions; and
- (d) of those offenders who entered prison for fine default identified above, how many (in each calendar year) were:
 - (i) incarcerated for only a four day period from Friday to the following Monday;
 - (ii) flown at government expense from a remote regional community to the prison and then returned to their community;
 - (iii) Aboriginal; and
 - (iv) female?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

Please refer to response to Legislative Assembly Question On Notice LA 1832.