

PRISONER POPULATION - PROJECTED INCREASES DUE TO TRUTH-IN-SENTENCING
LEGISLATION

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

- (1) What are the projected increases in prisoner population expected to be over the next five years as a result of amendments to the truth in sentencing legislation?
- (2) What are the projected increases in prisoner population expected to be over the next five years as a result of the introduction of mandatory sentencing?
- (3) How many prisoners can be held in Western Australian prisons according to maximum capacity measures?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (1) Department of Corrective Services modelling has estimated that the Repeal of the Transition Provisions is likely to increase the daily average prisoner population in the next five years by 604.
- (2) The Department of Corrective Services estimates that mandatory sentencing for assaults on police officers is likely to increase the daily average prisoner population in the next five years by 9.
- (3) Adult prisons in Western Australian currently have a design capacity of 3315 beds. Suitable cells have been modified to accommodate up to 4100 beds in an emergency.