

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES —  
INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT — KEN CUMMINGS

**431. Hon AMBER-JADE SANDERSON to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

- (1) Was Mr Ken Cummings employed in the Department of Corrective Services internal investigations unit on Tuesday, 8 April 2014 and is he still employed in that unit?
- (2) If no to (1), exactly where is Mr Ken Cummings employed?
- (3) How many personnel currently employed in the internal investigations unit have been employed in that unit since 8 April 2013?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question and provide the following reply on behalf of the Attorney General.

- (1)–(2) The Public Sector Management Act 1994 sets out clear frameworks for the employment and deployment of individual employees. The employment and deployment of individual employees within the Department of Corrective Services are matters for the Commissioner of Corrective Services. As Minister for Corrective Services, there are a number of matters that I am specifically precluded from being involved in under section 8 of the act. Accordingly, I shall not be responding to questions (1) and (2).
- (3) The professional standards division was disbanded on 11 March 2014. This division included the former internal investigations unit. A new investigations services directorate was established to replace the old division from 11 March 2014. This directorate includes an internal investigations component. Seven new investigators have been employed by the department since 8 April 2013.