

SENTENCING POLICY REFORM — EVALUATION

492. Hon GIZ WATSON to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the reform introduced by the previous government whereby sentences of less than six months were abolished.

- (1) Has this reform ever been evaluated?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) where is the evaluation publicly accessible; and
 - (b) if the evaluation is not publicly accessible, why not?
- (3) If no to (1) when, if at all, does the minister intend to have an evaluation of the reform?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) While the Department of Corrective Services routinely evaluates the effectiveness of various legislative initiatives, most of this analysis is for internal use only and is not presented in such a way as to allow public release.
- (3) Not applicable.