

PRISONS — PROJECTIONS

2471. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:

What is the Department's projected level for prisoner numbers for 1 January on each of the following years (please provide lower, mid-point and upper bound projections for each year):

- (a) 2015;
- (b) 2016;
- (c) 2017; and
- (d) 2018?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

The Department of Corrective Services' projections of prisoner numbers are aligned with the financial year. Offender population projections are based on historical population trend information for each offender group, combined with reception and discharge trend information (for custody), or commencement and termination information (for community), to produce the overall trend. Offender population projections are an extrapolation of this overall trend into the future. As these are future projections the figures quoted in previous years may differ.

- (a) As at 30th June 2015: lower 5329, mid-point 5528, upper 5727
- (b) As at 30th June 2016: lower 5547, mid-point 5753, upper 5959
- (c) As at 30th June 2017: lower 5772, mid-point 5986, upper 6200
- (d) As at 30th June 2018: lower 6002, mid-point 6223, upper 6444