

KARNET PRISON FARM — SEWERAGE PROBLEM

864. Hon ED DERMER to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

- (1) Can the minister confirm that 44 rooms at the Karnet Prison Farm completed last October are not being used because of a sewerage problem?
- (2) If yes to (1), how long has the Department of Corrective Services been aware of this problem and what actions are being taken to address it?
- (3) How many low-risk prisoners currently held in high security are being prevented from accessing the correct accommodation at Karnet prison because of the delays in opening the 44 rooms?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Corrective Services has advised as follows —

- (1) No sewerage problem at Karnet Prison Farm has prevented the use of the 44 rooms.
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) As at 27 September, which is the date the member gave notice of the question, there were a total of 120 prisoners on the waitlist for placement at Karnet Prison Farm who are being held in high-security units.