

PRISONS — MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

702. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Mental Health:

I have a supplementary question. How many of the 750 prisoners who have entered the system since December last year under the minister's watch and "Crackdown" Johnson's tough line on law and order are mentally ill patients?

Dr G.G. JACOBS replied:

This side of the house recognises the comorbidities with people who are in custody. We will address those issues in the WA mental health strategy for reform in Western Australia.

The SPEAKER: Members, with respect to supplementary questions, and specifically that particular question, member for Warnbro, it is not an opportunity to deliver an opinion or any other piece of information. It is simply an opportunity to ask another question following on from the information you might or might not have received to the initial question.