

BROOME REGIONAL PRISON - ESCAPES

**90. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Justice:**

I refer to question on notice 1845, asked on 17 May 2005 and answered 10 months later on 14 March 2006, to which the Minister for Justice advised that there were 14 escapes from Broome Regional Prison in 2000-01 and 31 escapes from the Broome jail in 2004-05.

- (1) Will the minister please advise the number of escapes from the Broome jail since 17 May 2005?
- (2) In order to correlate any additional escapes into the recording period used for the earlier information, will the minister please advise whether those periods are calendar years or financial years; and, if neither, will he please provide the range?
- (3) What were the offences committed by the 31 escapees before and subsequent to the escapes?
- (4) What measures have been taken and/or will be taken under the security review to improve security at the Broome jail?

**Hon KIM CHANCE replied:**

I thank Hon Ken Baston for providing some notice of the question. On behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Justice, I provide the following answer -

- (1) Twelve.
- (2) The previous information was provided by financial year. Two escapes occurred from 17 May 2005 to 30 June 2005. Ten escapes occurred between 1 July 2005 and 21 March 2006.
- (3) The offences were: breach of bail, breach of suspended imprisonment, breach of bail, breach of community supervision order, attempted burglary, aggravated burglary, burglary, no motor driver's licence, driving under the influence, damage, assault, assault of a public officer, stealing a motor vehicle, default of fine, fraud, suspension of parole, breach of violence restraining order, threats, robbery, possession of cannabis and reckless driving. I am sure that those offences applied to more than one person.
- (4) Following an escape, security is reviewed at the prison and any identified requirements for procedural change are implemented immediately.