

ACACIA PRISON — SERCO CONTRACT — MOBILE PHONES

**740. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I have a supplementary question.

- (1) On seeing the story on the front page of *The West Australian* today, why did the Minister for Corrective Services not ask how many phones have been found inside Serco-run prisons in recent times?
- (2) Why did he not ask whether that was a breach of the contract?
- (3) Why did he not show any interest at all in his portfolio in such a serious matter?

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS replied:**

- (1)–(3) What I will tell the member for Warnbro about the operation in the report on the front page of *The West Australian* today is that there is no guarantee and at the moment no evidence that the updating of that social media website was done from within the walls of a prison; it could have well been done from outside. Anyone can release their information—their log-on and user name details. As people in this place know, unfortunately, there are even fake social media accounts.

**Mr P. Papalia:** Did you ask?

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS:** Member for Warnbro, of course I have asked all of these questions. It is the first thing I did this morning.

**Mr P. Papalia:** Why can't you answer the question?

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS:** Because I have not got the answers yet. It is important to remember that there is as much likelihood that that person did not update his social media page from within a prison but that it was done by someone else on the outside.