

ABORIGINAL AND NON-ABORIGINAL PRISONERS - POPULATION BREAKDOWN

14. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) As at 1 November, 2008 what is the breakdown of numbers of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal prisoners at each of Western Australia's prisons?
- (2) What number of Aboriginal prisoners who reside in the Goldfields, Kimberley, and Pilbara are currently held in prisons outside of these areas?
- (3) What efforts have been made to house Aboriginal prisoners closer to their home areas?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (1) The following table records the number of Aboriginal prisoners and Non-Aboriginal prisoners at each Western Australian prison on 1 November 2008.

Prison	Aboriginal Prisoners	Non-Aboriginal Prisoners
Acacia	278	529
Albany	94	128
Bandyup	71	112
Boronia	14	52
Broome	141	6
Bunbury	40	159
Casuarina	334	283
Eastern Goldfields	80	22
Greenough	190	33
Hakea	200	534
Karnet	27	195
Roebourne	148	12
Wooroloo	52	206

- (2) The following table provides the number of Aboriginal prisoners who identified Goldfields, Kimberley, and Pilbara as their last known address and were held in prisons away from those areas, as at 1 November 2008.

Nominated Area	Goldfields	Kimberley	Pilbara	Totals
Prison in Area	Eastern Goldfields	Broome	Roebourne	
Number of Aboriginal Prisoners held in Prisons Outside the Area Identified as their Last Known Address	107	253	72	432

- (3) The Department makes every effort to place all prisoners as close as possible to family, friends and/or significant others in order to promote family, community and social support. Such placement is necessarily impacted upon by a number of factors, including the prisoner's assessed security status, treatment needs and stated individual preferences.