

INDEFINITE-TERM PRISONERS

1053. Hon GIZ WATSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to prisoners serving an indefinite term, pursuant to the provisions of the former section 662(a) of the Criminal Code or section 98 of the Sentencing Act 1995, which replaced that former provision.

- (1) Will future annual reports of the Department of Corrective Services contain information about —
 - (a) the number of such prisoners held in Western Australian prisons; and
 - (b) the length of terms served by such prisoners?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) It has not been current practice to report information of this nature through the department's annual report, and the information requested in parts (a) and (b) has not been reported to date. It is not anticipated that any change will occur to this practice.
- (2) The Department of Corrective Services adheres to the annual reporting requirements as specified in the Public Sector Management Act 1994, the Financial Management Act 2006, the "Treasurer's Instructions", cabinet decisions and other government policy statements. These reporting requirements do not require the provision in annual reports of the specific details that are the subject of this question. In accordance with the current annual reporting framework, the department's annual report outlines its performance against its strategic plan, budget papers and other strategic documents.