

PRISONERS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS — PERCENTAGE

1945. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services

I refer to the article on page 17 of *the West Australian* newspaper on the 27 of January entitled 'Fears over mentally ill in WA jails', in which the Minister was reported as saying there is a lower percentage of mentally unwell people in the prison system than in the population at large, and I ask -

Will the Minister please table the source of the data on which this information is based?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

The source of the data is the Australian Bureau of Statistics report *National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing: Summary of Results* (2007). This report is a publicly available document.