

COMMISSIONER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES — APPOINTMENT — MICHAEL REYNOLDS

Statement by Minister for Corrective Services

MR W.J. JOHNSTON (Cannington — Minister for Corrective Services) [2.03 pm]: I would like to inform the house that Mr Michael Reynolds has been appointed Western Australia's Commissioner for Corrective Services. The five-year appointment caps a 35-year career in corrections for Commissioner Reynolds, who has been acting in the role since 2020. The commissioner reports to the director general and oversees the operation and management of WA's prisons, work camps and youth detention centre. The commissioner is also responsible for adult community corrections and Youth Justice Services, which supervise offenders under orders in the community.

Commissioner Reynolds worked his way through the ranks from prison officer to leadership positions across South Australian prisons. He moved to WA in 2019 to become deputy commissioner of adult male prisons, and then operational support. Commissioner Reynolds has led WA's prisons through a challenging period, marked by unprecedented pressures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. He brings to the role a wealth of knowledge, experience and innovation built over his long career. I look forward to the commissioner delivering further improvements to the state's prison system. On behalf of the McGowan government, I congratulate Commissioner Reynolds on his well-deserved appointment.