

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES — TASER PURCHASE

1028. Hon ED DERMER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the recent tender let by the Department of Corrective Services, DCSO422009, to purchase Tasers.

- (1) Will these Tasers be fitted with video capability to record their usage; and, if not, why not?
- (2) How many will be purchased?
- (3) What is the extent and nature of the training received by DCS officers in the use of Tasers?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

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

- (1) No; the department uses an independent video camera during operations to record any serious incident.
- (2) There is no immediate demand; however, the contract will be used to replace any existing faulty or damaged Tasers and to meet any unexpected future demand.
- (3) The training is conducted by certified Taser International instructors.