

PRISONS — CORRUPTION AND MISCONDUCT

928. Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I have a supplementary question. Is the minister saying that there are no corruption and misconduct concerns by the McGowan Labor government about our current prison system?

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

I point out to the member for Churchlands that the McGowan Labor government and I, as the Minister for Corrective Services, have put in place things that he could only dream about in government. Members opposite certainly did not take the issue of corruption and the smuggling of contraband into prisons seriously. That was clearly set out in the CCC reports. It is Labor in government, acting on the CCC reports, that has put the professional standards division in place. Once again, for the member's benefit, can I report on what the PSD has done? Between 2018 and 2019, 792 misconduct cases were investigated by the PSD. Within its division, it has 51 staff and two Western Australia police detectives. Of those investigations, 121 were referred for assessment and investigation by the integrity and accountability directorate; 41 were referred to the police team; and 78 were retained for intelligence purposes. Of the remaining 552 cases that were dealt with by the misconduct assessment unit, 25 resulted in an improvement action; 35 were referred to third party contract providers such as Broadspectrum and Acacia; 225 were referred to local management action by prison superintendents and other executive managers; three were referred to access the internal prisoner complaints system; two were referred to be dealt with by public service staff; and 262 resulted in no further action.

May I also add that the professional standards division has delivered anti-corruption and integrity sessions to 733 staff in its first year of operation. Do not come into this house trying to make allegations against the McGowan government and the Department of Justice that we have not been doing anything about clamping down on corruption and contraband. We have done more than members opposite could possibly even dream about when they were in government.

The SPEAKER: Thank you for that quick answer, minister. Member for Kimberley.