

JUSTICE — PRISONER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

1156. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the minister's answer to my question without notice 298 that revealed that the minister had requested a briefing from the Department of Justice on the research report entitled *Let them work: How criminal justice reform can help address Australia's worker shortage*, published by the Institute of Public Affairs in March, which advocates for the introduction of work-focused community service orders for all nonviolent and non-sexual offenders who are prepared to work full-time.

- (1) When was the briefing requested?
- (2) When did the briefing take place?
- (3) Will the minister table the briefing note or similar documents that constituted or accompanied the briefing?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

Honourable member, this is the first time I have seen the answer. It was in somebody else's file. I am advised that this question falls under the corrective services portfolio and the Minister for Corrective Services is unable to answer for the Attorney General. The minister requires the question to be referred to the Minister for Corrective Services to respond accordingly. He should have given that answer. I will get the member an answer for the next sitting day.