

MOBILONG PRISON - 28 February 2008

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (7 June 2007).

The Hon. M.J. ATKINSON (Croydon—Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): The Hon. Carmel Zollo MLC, Minister for Correctional Services, has provided this advice: Reference has been made in the House to an attempted escape from custody at Mobilong Prison.

On 2 May 2007, a prisoner was discovered during routine search and inspection procedures hiding in a contractor's vehicle.

The prisoner was apprehended without incident and transferred to Yatala Labour Prison the next day. The Department's Senior Investigations Officer and Police Liaison attended the prison on 7 May, 2007 and conducted a review of the precinct. They also interviewed the prisoner at Yatala Labour Prison about the incident. Additionally, a review of local procedures was initiated to include a complete assessment of the incident and a local-review report was submitted accordingly.

The report determined that all existing procedures and protocols had been observed by prison staff, which resulted in the detection and apprehension of the prisoner.