



Speech by

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**CORRECTIVE SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL**

**Mr CHRIS FOLEY** (Maryborough—Ind) (9.08 p.m.): I rise to speak to the bill. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Minister for Corrective Services and the Premier for the state-of-the-art Maryborough Correctional Centre. There is always a touch of NIMBY—not in my back yard—syndrome in every community, but on balance this facility has delivered significant economic benefits to my electorate. There is some concern in my community about unnotified releases as they put pressure on emergency accommodation such as the men's refuge.

I note with some degree of satisfaction that the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition agree that the proposed detention centre for visa overstayers would be well placed in Maryborough. I would like to add my support for this facility being placed adjacent to the Maryborough Correctional Centre, as this would be an excellent use of existing resources and a major cost saving to ordinary Australians. People who break the terms of the privilege of early release need to be sent a clear message that it will not be tolerated in Queensland. Therefore, I commend this bill to the House.