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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES, AUDIT REPORT

Miss SIMPSON (Maroochydore—NPA) (10.29 am): In another blunder for the Beattie government, public safety is being put at risk by a breakdown in the corrective services system. A leaked audit report into the Maroochydore area corrective services office, which I table, has revealed a damning failure to adequately supervise sex offenders, armed robbers and drug offenders. Under the Beattie government, paedophiles and violent criminals not only fail to serve enough jail time but also are left to roam the streets on parole without proper supervision.

Tragically, a paedophile released on parole under the care of that office has recently allegedly reoffended by molesting a four-year-old girl. The audit shows that 10 offenders out of 20 files sampled had not had six monthly or even event based reviews as required, including one offender on parole for sex offences. This person was required to report to Corrective Services staff fortnightly but had shown up only twice in three months. Drug offenders also were not routinely urine tested in accordance with requirements. The failure to supervise such parolees, particularly child sex abusers, is a breach of the Beattie government's duty of care to the public.