

**Question on Notice
No. 84
Asked on Wednesday 13 February 2008**

MRS PRATT asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport (MS SPENCE)-

QUESTION:

With reference to a letter dated 29 January 2008 in which she refused a meeting with correctional centre representatives which I had requested on 7 January 2008 on behalf of 24 Corrections personnel to discuss ongoing concerns within Queensland Corrective Services (they were three from the Public Sector Union, five from the Lotus Glen Correctional Centre, five from Townsville Correctional Centre, five from Capricornia Correctional Centre, two from Maryborough Correctional Centre, four from Woodford Correctional Centre and two from Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre)—

- (1) Will she advise why she refused to hear these concerns and how she can believe their concerns have been addressed when she has refused to hear them?

- (2) Will she reconsider her refusal to meet with these representatives?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Public Sector Union is the recognised industrial organisation which represents employees of Queensland Corrective Services.

Queensland Correctives Services and the Queensland Public Sector Union have well established and industrially sound communication, consultation and dispute resolution mechanisms in place to address the concerns of staff and specifically the concerns of delegates of the recognised industrial union.

These mechanisms include local workplace consultative committees, an agency consultative committee and a specific process to consult on rosters.

Queensland Corrective Services has demonstrated a consistent and enduring commitment to communicating, consulting and resolving disputes and continues to be available to Queensland Public Sector Union delegates and representatives to discuss, consult and resolve on any areas of concern through the processes outlined above.

All concerns raised in these forums have been and will be addressed by QCS.

I have previously met with the State Secretary of the QPSU and with union delegates.