

PRISONERS REVIEW BOARD — EARLY PAROLE — LUKE NOORMETS

**633. Ms L. METTAM to the Attorney General:**

I have a supplementary question. Why has it taken another example of a violent offender being released early and reoffending for this government to act, and when will we find out the outcome of the review into the reckless decision, which has ended in tragedy?

**Mr J.R. QUIGLEY replied:**

Firstly, it is not a reckless decision. It was a decision made on the evidence before the board at the time. Unfortunately, not all the information that had been gathered by the police some years before was placed before the board because it was not part of a conviction. Optimally, it should have been before the board so that it had a greater view of the person's background, but it was not. An inquiry is not being commissioned, as such. I, as the Attorney General with the Prisoners Review Board fitting within the basket of portfolio responsibilities that I have, albeit that it is a completely independent body, will be making the appropriate inquiries about what we can do to improve the system so more of this information is put before the board at the time. It has to be put before the board and it should have had the information before it that was on the police computer.