

IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTRES — STATELESS DETAINEES — RELEASE

**920. Ms L. METTAM to the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the answer provided by Hon Don Farrell during federal question time that prior to the High Court decision releasing stateless criminals into the community, senior Australian Border Force officials had briefed local police counterparts on the possible implication of their release.

- (1) Can the Minister for Police confirm what date the Western Australia Police Force was formally advised?
- (2) Given the minister's answer in the other place on 14 November that stated notification was received on the day of the High Court decision, is it the Minister for Police or Hon Don Farrell who has misled Parliament regarding when the minister was first advised of this issue?

**Mr P. PAPALIA replied:**

- (1)–(2) I thank the member for the question. The answers I give in the upper house are provided by the Western Australia Police Force. The question was: when was the Western Australia Police Force notified? That was the answer.