

DANGEROUS SEX OFFENDERS — GPS TRACKING DEVICES

**240. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I have a supplementary question. The minister's press release said that the law changed in February, which now enables GPS tracking to be a prerequisite and to be part of a court order. So from now on, will the minister guarantee that as a result of this change and this initiative, no dangerous sex offenders who should remain in prison will be released?

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS replied:**

It is very simple: the judiciary makes the order, which includes the custodial sentence time that is required for dangerous sex offenders, as it does for any other offender. If they are released into the community with certain conditions, such as an area where they are not allowed, an area that they have to remain in or a curfew, the GPS tracking device will help ensure —

**Mrs M.H. Roberts** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland, I call you to order for the second time. Can you just come to the point, minister, please.

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS:** The technology will help ensure —

**Mr P. Papalia** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the second time.

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS:** The GPS technology will help ensure that those who have been released and are subject to certain orders obey those orders.