

DANGEROUS SEX OFFENDERS — RELEASE FROM PRISON

229. Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Police:

I ask a supplementary question. Why did the minister's government allow TJD to be released into the community without placing him on the register?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

To be clear, this offender was released into the community by the court, and I believe those matters were canvassed —

Mrs M.H. Roberts: A couple of weeks ago.

The SPEAKER: Member, I do not want any more interjections.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: — and discussed in great detail.

Mr F.M. Logan interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Cockburn, I call you to order for the first time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I believe that that issue was canvassed and discussed at great length in this chamber. I want to be really clear that the government has said that we do not agree with the release of this offender into the community, but it is not up to us.

Point of Order

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: This was a supplementary question. They are supposed to be brief questions and brief answers. I briefly want to know why the government has not placed him on the register.

The SPEAKER: That is the question, minister. Can you answer the question?

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I will just go back to the question that I heard. I was asked why the government agreed to the release of this offender. The courts released the offender.

Mr J.R. Quigley: Why don't you answer the question?

The SPEAKER: Member for Butler, I call you to order for the first time. Minister, we are onto the supplementary question, so just answer the supplementary, please.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: To explain the process, when the courts release an offender back into the community with a supervision order, a process needs to be followed before their name is published on the website. We are going through that process. I expect that TJD's name will be on the website in the very near future. The Commissioner of Police cannot —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the third time. Member for Butler, you have been called on two occasions, not one.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The police commissioner cannot predict the outcome of the court process. The process to have an offender published on the community program cannot occur until the court has made that decision. That process is in train.

Ms M.M. Quirk interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order for the second time. Minister, wind this up, please.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The process is in train and I expect that his name will be published on the community protection website in the very near future.