

DANTE ARTHURS — PAROLE

1145. Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I understand that the Leader of the House may not have the answer readily to hand, but I ask this question so that it can be provided later in today's session.

I refer to the prisoner Dante Arthurs, the murderer of Sofia Rodriguez-Urrutia Shu.

- (1) When is Arthurs eligible for release on parole?
- (2) Has the Attorney General received any representations or petitions urging him to refuse any recommendation for Arthurs' release on parole?
- (3) Is yes to (2), how many such representations have been made and from whom?
- (4) Given that the Attorney General, both when in opposition and since, has given assurances to the public that certain notorious killers will not be released, has he done so in this case; and, if not, why not?
- (5) Given that the Attorney General has introduced legislation to enable him to defer reporting by the Prisoners Review Board of Western Australia in the case of certain killers, allegedly to relieve the burden on secondary victims, does he consider it also to be in the public interest to do so in the case of crimes like those of Arthurs; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

Yes, I indicated to the member behind the Chair that the answer is coming; I expect it before the end of question time.

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