

SENTENCE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017 — COMMENCEMENT

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

I refer to the Attorney General's refusal to provide the specific information requested in my question without notice of 14 March 2018 concerning the government's readiness to implement the Sentence Administration Amendment Bill 2017.

- (1) Does the Attorney General stand by his comments in the Legislative Assembly on 14 March that the Liberal opposition had sent the bill to a committee and had it in committee all year or will he correct those remarks?
- (2) When, how and from whom did he receive advice that the Prisoners Review Board required time after royal assent to implement the no body, no parole regime?
- (3) How much time did the Prisoners Review Board indicate that it required?
- (4) When, how and from whom did he receive advice that the act could be proclaimed within a fortnight of assent?
- (5) By saying that "proclamation will take place within a fortnight of assent", does he mean that all provisions of the act except sections 1 and 2 will come into operation on the same date; and, if so, what date? Alternatively, does he mean that different days may be fixed for different provisions; and, if so, what days does he contemplate?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) The bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation on 14 August 2017 and was returned on 28 November 2017. The Attorney General stands by his comments.
- (2) It was at the time the bill was first introduced into the Legislative Assembly and it was by the Department of Justice.
- (3) No specific time was discussed at the time.
- (4) He was advised by his department.
- (5) Yes. All of the bill, other than sections 1 and 2, will come into operation within 14 days of assent.