

DANGEROUS SEX OFFENDERS

700. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the fact that, of 19 dangerous sex offenders being monitored in the community by GPS tracking in the last financial year, eight breached the conditions of their release, but only two were imprisoned.

- (1) For each of the six offenders who breached but were not imprisoned, what condition or conditions were breached?
- (2) Was the offender known as TJD one of the offenders who breached but was not imprisoned?

Mr J.M. FRANCIS replied:

I thank the member for his question; it would have helped if I had had some notice of it.

(1)–(2) There are actually 21 dangerous sex offenders as I understand it.

Mr P. Papalia: Last financial year.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: As the member knows, they are released under the Dangerous Sexual Offenders Act 2006 by a judge of the Supreme Court. Most of those DSOs have significant conditions placed upon them. To give some credit where it is due, the best piece of journalism I have seen in recent times that kept things in perspective was by Amanda Banks in *The West Australian*. These dangerous sex offenders have effectively completed their time in jail; they are not out on bail and they are not out on parole. They have been held for a period of time after the expiration of their sentence, and have then been released under certain conditions. Most of them have about 40 to 44 different conditions placed upon them, including GPS tracking; random alcohol and drug urine analysis; proximity to children conditions; self-reporting conditions; and some of them are required to keep diaries. There are all kinds of different things. I cannot give the member a case —

Mr P. Papalia: Will you table it today? What conditions were breached by the six who didn't go back to jail?

The SPEAKER: You will get a supplementary question, member for Warnbro. Minister, the member for Warnbro asked you what conditions were breached, so you can you please address that. The member for Warnbro will get a supplementary question; I do not want shouting across the chamber.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: I will endeavour to get that information today; if not, it might be tomorrow because there is a fair bit of information in going through the files of each of them. To give some examples of some of the DSOs who have been charged with breaching their conditions, one failed to keep a diary on a particular day and was handed a monetary sentence once the matter went through the court. Other DSOs have committed more substantial breaches of their release conditions and I understand that, as the member said, two of them were put back in custody for a period of time. It is an ongoing evolution of managing dangerous sex offenders, but the conditions are set by a Supreme Court judge who determines whether they will be released under that act. I will try to get information for the member.