

DANGEROUS SEX OFFENDERS — RELEASE FROM PRISON

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

I refer to the release of TJD into the community.

- (1) Is TJD on the public sex offender register; and, if not, why not?
- (2) Are members of the public able to see whether TJD lives in their neighbourhood?
- (3) Is there any restriction on him living near a school or childcare centre?
- (4) Approximately how many sex offenders are on the register?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I thank the member for Midland for the question.

- (1)–(3) TJD was released from custody on 11 March 2014. As we all know, he is subject to a very strict supervision order, with around 44 conditions placed upon that. He is not presently on the community protection website.

Ms M.M. Quirk: What? That is extraordinary.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I beg your pardon?

The SPEAKER: Just carry on through the Chair, please.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The public sex offender register is on the community protection website. TJD is not presently on it but I have had discussions with the Commissioner of Police about the placement of TJD on that website.

- (4) As to the exact number of sex offenders who are listed on that community —

Mrs M.H. Roberts: The approximate number.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The number of offenders on that community protection website fluctuates almost on a daily basis because offenders will move address —

Mr W.J. Johnston: What an embarrassment!

The SPEAKER: Member for Cannington, I call you to order for the first time. Through the Chair, please, minister.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I am not prepared to give an estimate of the approximate number —

Mrs M.H. Roberts: Because you don't know. Is it 1 000, 2 000, 10 000?

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland, I call you to order for the first time. I made a mistake with the member for Cannington; he has been called to order for the second time. Please address your remarks through the Chair. I do not want any more interjections.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I am not prepared to just throw a wild number out there without it being accurate on the day. I am prepared to find that information and provide it in a question on notice. I do not think it is in the community's interest to make some wild estimate in this place that may or may not be accurate. The community protection website is all about members of the community being able to access those offenders that police need the assistance of the community in locating. We all know that through that tier 2 search, members of the community can access the community protection website and see the pictures of those sex offenders who are reportable offenders living within the proximity of the address provided according to the driver's licence identification that people put into that website. My most recent advice is that TJD is not presently on that register but I expect that that will happen in the near future.