

SENTENCE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017 — COMMENCEMENT

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

I refer to the Sentence Administration Amendment Bill 2017 implementing the so-called no body, no parole regime and the advice from the Leader of the House that the Prisoners Review Board is not yet ready to operate under the legislation.

- (1) When did the Attorney General or his office first become aware that the proposed regime could not come into operation immediately upon royal assent?
- (2) From whom did the advice come and in what form?
- (3) If that advice was in writing, will the Attorney General table that advice; and, if not; why not?
- (4) What, precisely, does the Prisoners Review Board need to do to be ready and why could it not be ready before now?
- (5) When will the government be able to bring the regime into effect?
- (6) Why was the Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Legislation not informed of this when it was inquiring into the necessity for a proclamation date?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. He will like the answer.

- (1)–(6) Although the Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Legislation made a finding relating to the WA Police Force's readiness to implement the bill on assent, no reference was made to whether any other agencies were ready for immediate implementation. The committee made no recommendation that the proclamation clause should be removed. However, the Attorney General is able to advise that proclamation will take place within a fortnight of assent.