

BERND NEUMANN — PRISON RELEASE

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

I have a supplementary question. Noting this departmental policy directive for the Minister for Corrective Services to get a comprehensive report of any escape within 24 hours, why has the minister been incapable of providing a proper response on this prisoner and his escape?

Mr J.M. FRANCIS replied:

When someone has escaped, the commissioner has always let me know within an hour of the escape over the phone. He has given me a quick assessment either that day or the next day. That does not include the details of where the prisoner may have gone on those previous 13 day walks. That is not relevant. It is a fact that this guy was incorrectly assessed to be minimum security and available for day release.