

VIOLENT SEX OFFENDERS — PAROLE

1373. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the minister's answer on 19 October 2023 to my question without notice that revealed that the oldest return to prison warrant has been outstanding for a staggering 13 109 days.

- (1) Will the minister end this farce whereby when asked which of these fugitives the community should be on the lookout for, instead of providing a transparent answer, an opaque response was provided that —
... Western Australia Police Force assesses investigative opportunities, which includes seeking information from the public ... on a case-by-case basis...?
- (2) Will the minister now name this fugitive who has been on the run for in excess of 35 years?
- (3) If any Western Australian has any information about the whereabouts of this fugitive, who should they contact?
- (4) How many other return to prison warrants are currently outstanding?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

- (1)–(4) As the Minister for Police, I support the Commissioner of Police and the Western Australia Police Force in their assessment on individual cases and the decision on what information is publicly released and make the honourable member aware that he is diverting a large amount of the WA Police Force staff resourcing from operational priorities in answering his series of questions on return to prison warrants. As at 7 November 2023, there are 46 return to prison warrants outstanding.