

ROBERT EXCELL, MEMOIRS

395. Mr M.J. BIRNEY to the Minister for Justice:

I refer the minister to a British newspaper report that child rapist and convicted paedophile Robert Excell has signed a £150 000 book deal with a US publisher to publish his memoirs.

- (1) Will the minister confirm the British newspaper report that Mr Excell wrote his memoirs while in jail in Western Australia?
- (2) Will the minister confirm that Mr Excell signed the deal while in jail?
- (3) If this report is correct, will the minister pressure the British government to stop this paedophile from ever profiting from his crimes?

Mr J.B. D'ORAZIO replied:

- (1)-(3) If the Leader of the Opposition had given some notice of his question I might have been in a position to answer it. I will provide the Leader of the Opposition with the information he requires. All of us would find it abhorrent if someone such as Excell profited from the proceeds of such a deal.