

PRISONER JOHN KAZ JAMES, RELEASE FROM PRISON

21. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Justice

- (1) Why was the prisoner John Kaz James, who was convicted of sexual offences, moved to a minimum security facility before he had completed his full time in maximum security?
- (2) Has the prisoner John Kaz James applied for a work release order or a re-entry release, or a combination work release order and community re-entry program or any other form of early release arrangement?
- (3) If so, could this see him freed on 21 April 2005, before he is even eligible to apply for parole?
- (4) If John Kaz James is released on 21 April 2005, what arrangements will be in place to ensure this sexual offender will be monitored during the release period to ensure he does not re-offend?

Mr J.B. D'ORAZIO replied:

1. Mr James was transferred to Karnet Prison Farm on 8 March 2004 in accordance with Departmental policy, which was current at the time, and prior to a directive from the then Minister for Justice, which now requires all sex offenders to serve one third of their aggregate effective sentence in a secure facility.
 2. Yes, Re-entry Release Order.
 3. I understand an application was made to the Parole Board but this application was rejected.
 4. Not applicable
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