

**ROBERT EXCELL, BOOK PUBLISHING CONTRACT**

*Statement by Minister for Justice*

**MR J.B. D’ORAZIO (Ballajura - Minister for Justice)** [12.04 pm]: Yesterday I was asked a question by the Leader of the Opposition regarding a claim that Robert Excell had signed a book publishing contract while he was a prisoner in Western Australia. I gave a commitment that I would look into the issue. I have been advised by the Department of Justice that it is not aware nor does it have any record of any such contract being signed by Excell during his time in the Western Australian prison system.