

PRISONERS REVIEW BOARD — EARLY PAROLE — LUKE NOORMETS

**1147. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the Prisoners Review Board and sections 5A and 5B of the Sentence Administration Act 2003.

- (1) How did the board conclude that Luke Noormets, a man who was incarcerated for abducting and torturing another man, had “no previous history of violence”?
- (2) Was Mr Noormets assessed for criminogenic treatment?
- (3) Was Mr Noormets assessed as suitable for any treatment programs?
- (4) Did Mr Noormets participate in or complete any treatment programs while in prison?
- (5) Did the board consider Mr Noormets’ application for early release while in possession of details of his complete criminal background?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the parliamentary secretary, the following response has been provided by the Attorney General.

- (1) The Attorney General is reviewing the circumstances surrounding the release of Mr Noormets, which will include consideration of the information that is available to the Prisoners Review Board about an offender’s criminal history. That review is underway and it would be premature at this stage to make any further comment.
- (2)–(4) These questions should be referred to the Minister for Corrective Services.
- (5) Refer to (1).