

IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTRES — STATELESS DETAINEES — RELEASE

1447. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the seven reportable offenders released from immigration detention centres based in Western Australia.

- (1) Who are those individuals, what offences have they committed and what conditions are they subject to?
- (2) Has the commonwealth government offered, or has the Western Australia Police Force requested, any support to assist in mitigating the threat to public safety that their abrupt release into the community so obviously presents?

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.

The Western Australia Police Force advises as follows.

- (1) The WA Police Force cannot provide the names of the seven reportable offenders, as section 82(1) of the Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004 provides that a person must not directly or indirectly record, disclose or make use of any personal information in the community protection offender register, which is established and maintained by the Commissioner of Police, unless an exception applies.

Offences include penetrative sexual offending and indecent assaults against children, and the production, distribution and possession of child exploitation materials. All reportable offenders within Western Australia are subject to reporting conditions as legislated by the act. A reportable offender is required to report certain personal information, including where they reside, contact information, employment and any unsupervised access to children, within certain time frames. Reportable offenders must also advise the WA Police Force at least seven days prior to travelling outside Western Australia.

- (2) The WA Police Force will continue to work with relevant commonwealth agencies, such as the Australian Border Force and Australian Federal Police, to enable the assessment of those being released. When a person is identified as a reportable offender, they will be subject to the relevant reporting and monitoring requirements.