

PRISON OFFICERS, APPOINTMENT AS JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

827. Mr RIEBELING to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Justice:

- (1) Further to question on notice No. 2321 of 2000, in respect to SO5, in which prison, and on what dates, did SO5 spend the 92 months working as a substantive senior officer?
- (2) Is SO5 Senior Officer Brian Rankin?
- (3) Is Senior Officer Brian Rankin the one Senior Officer who is a Justice of the Peace?
- (4) Prior to Mr Rankin's appointment as a Justice of the Peace, was there a notice circulated with the Ministry, signed by Peter Moore, Director Prison Operations, inviting applications to apply for appointments as Justices of the Peace?
- (5) Did this notice invite people acting as Assistant Superintendents to apply?
- (6) When was this notice issued and when was a further notice issued restricting the appointment to substantive Assistant Superintendents and above?
- (7) During the period Mr Moore's notice was in effect, how many people acted in Assistant Superintendent's positions, thereby making them eligible to become Justices of the Peace?
- (8) What distinguished Mr Rankin from other Senior Officers with the Ministry that he should be appointed as a Justice of the Peace?
- (9) If Mr Rankin was appointed as a Justice of the Peace for Ministry of Justice purposes, on what number of occasions has Mr Rankin been called upon by the Ministry to fulfil those obligations for which he was appointed?
- (10) Did Mr Peter Moore, a former Director of Prison Operations, in any way, approve or recommend Mr Rankin's appointment as a Justice of the Peace?
- (11) Are prison staff appointed to positions of Justice of the Peace to facilitate bail applications, and to sign and witness official documents for prison purposes?
- (12) In which prison was Mr Rankin acting as a Superintendent when -
 - (a) Mr Moore's notice was issued;
 - (b) he submitted his application; and
 - (c) he was appointed as a Justice of the Peace?
- (13) In which prison, since his appointment as a Justice of the Peace, has Mr Rankin worked and in what capacity as a Justice of the Peace?
- (14) Why was Mr Rankin the only Senior Officer appointed?
- (15) Will the Minister provide exact details of Mr Rankin's work history with the Ministry of Justice, or any of its predecessors, including the actual time spent performing the duties to which he was appointed and not just the dates he held those positions?
- (16) Has Mr Rankin been given favourable treatment in terms of -
 - (a) acting opportunities; and
 - (b) appointment to Justice of the Peace?
- (17) In what position and at what level, is Mr Rankin currently performing duties, and to whom does he report?
- (18) Has Mr Rankin been -
 - (a) appointed to a new position; and/or
 - (b) promised a new position?
- (19) If so, what is that position?
- (20) Does that position report directly to the Director of Business Management?
- (21) Was this position created specifically for Mr Rankin?

Mr BARRON-SULLIVAN replied:

The Minister for Justice has supplied the following reply.

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- (1) Canningvale Prison 00/12/1985-01/10/1987
Canningvale Remand Centre 02/10/1987-30/01/1988
Karnet Prison Farm 01/02/1988-12/10/1990
Fremantle Prison 13/10/1990-01/11/1991
Canningvale Remand Centre 02/11/1991-01/10/1992
Canningvale Prison 12/10/1992-11/08/1993
- (2)-(5) Yes.
- (6) The first notice was issued on 13 September 1995. No record can be found of a second notice being issued.
- (7) Three
- (8) Mr Rankin was the only respondent at Senior Officer rank meeting the applicable criteria.
- (9) None
- (10) No
- (11) Staff at the rank of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent only Question 14 of 2321 of 2000 refers to the remainder of this question.
- (12) (a)-(c) Emergency Support Services
- (13) Emergency Support Services. Acting Superintendent.
- (14) He was the only respondent at that rank meeting the applicable criteria
- (15) Department of Corrections 26/07/1982-25/10/1982 Trainee Officer
Canningvale Prison 26/10/1982-06/11/1983 Probationary Officer
Fremantle Prison 07/11/1983-00/12/1985 Prison Officer
Canningvale Prison 00/12/1985-01/10/1987 Senior Officer
Canningvale Remand Centre 02/10/1987-30/01/1988 Senior Officer
Karnet Prison Farm 01/02/1988-12/10/1990 Senior Officer
Fremantle Prison 13/10/1990-01/11/1991 Senior Officer
Canningvale Remand Centre 02/11/1991-01/10/1992 Senior Officer
Canningvale Prison 12/10/1992-11/08/1993 Senior Officer
Canningvale Remand Centre Security 12/08/1994-18/01/1995 Acting Assistant Superintendent of
Intelligence Unit 19/01/1995-16/07/1995 A/Intelligence Officer
Emergency Support Services 10/07/1995-21/01/1998 A/Superintendent
Westralia Square 22/01/1998-02/06/1998 A/Projects Officer
Milligan Street 02/06/1998-24/01/1999 A/Manager Standards
Westralia Square 25/01/1999-21/11/1999 A/Project Officer
Westralia Square 22/11/1999- present A/Projects Officer
- (16) (a)-(b) No
- (17) Acting Projects Officer, Level 6, reporting to Director Business Management
- (18) (a)-(b) No
- (19)-(21) Not applicable