

PAUL CARR — GPS TRACKING DEVICE

1275. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to news reports regarding the convicted murderer and rapist Paul Carr removing his GPS tracking device.

- (1) When specifically, in terms of time and date, did Western Australia Police Force know that Carr had removed his GPS tracking device?
- (2) When specifically, in terms of time and date, did WA Police advise the office of the Minister for Police of the issue?
- (3) When specifically, in terms of time and date, did WA Police first advise the community that Carr was on the run; and, how did it do so?
- (4) Given that WA Police have described Carr as a “recidivist offender with a violent history” and stated that “the public should be worried and we would strongly encourage people not to approach him”, what possible explanation is there for any delay between the removal of his device and the public being informed?

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 —

- (1) At 2.46 pm on 11 October 2023.
- (2) The advice was received from the Department of Justice by the office of the minister on 11 October 2023 at 3.18 pm.
- (3) At 2.31 pm on 12 October 2023, by written media release from police media.
- (4) These matters are balanced between risk, investigation strategies, community alarm and community notification. Significant analysis and investigation was undertaken immediately. Media releases were developed with legislation and investigation considerations. A media release was provided to the WA Police Force’s media team on 12 October 2023.