

PRISON OFFICER BRIAN RANKIN, OVERPAYMENT

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

- (1) Has Senior Officer Brian Rankin ever been paid at any level higher than the level of a position in which he was acting?
- (2) If so, why?
- (3) Has Senior Office Brian Rankin ever received an over payment of approximately \$10,000 in a fortnightly wage?
- (4) If so, did anyone from the Ministry of Justice contact Mr Rankin, either verbally or in writing, in regards to this accidental overpayment?
- (5) Was Mr Rankin instructed or informed by anyone from within the Ministry of Justice, either verbally or in writing, to the effect he should not, in any way, use the money and that he should make provisions for its immediate return?
- (6) Did Mr Rankin comply with the instruction for the immediate return of the overpaid amount?
- (7) If not, why not?
- (8) What provisions were put in place to recover the money from Mr Rankin?
- (9) Has the money been recovered?
- (10) How was it recovered?

Mr BARRON-SULLIVAN replied:

The Minister for Justice has provided the following reply.

- (1) No
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) Yes. Mr Rankin received a payment of approximately \$20,000, which was a duplicate payment in advance for a period of Long Service Leave.
- (4) The Ministry payroll area has been in contact with Mr Rankin both verbally and in writing regarding the accidental overpayment.
- (5) Yes
- (6) No
- (7) Mr Rankin and his accountant initially disputed the amount of the overpayment. This issue is now resolved.
- (8)-(10) Mr Rankin has given a written undertaking of his intention to repay the entire amount by 31 December 2000.