



STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
Mr Peter Cain MLA, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA, Mr Andrew Braddock
MLA

Inquiry into Community Corrections 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
16 -17 February 2022

Asked by Mr Braddock MLA on 17 February 2022: Attorney-General took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Have you given consideration, as has been suggested by a few, to an automatic parole application process?

Attorney-General: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The ACT Government is not currently considering implementing an automatic parole process for the ACT and the issue has not previously been raised with me by stakeholders such as Legal Aid and the ACT Law Society.

I note that different approaches to automatic parole are taken in Australian states and territories and that the Commonwealth abolished its automatic parole scheme in 2012.

I also note the risks highlighted by the Chair of the Sentence Administration Board in her evidence to the Committee on Justice and Community Safety Inquiry into Community Corrections on 17 February 2022, including the risk that a detainee could be released into homelessness.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature:

Date: 1/3/22

By Shane Rattenbury MLA, Attorney-General