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### Answer to Question Taken on Notice

**Mr Steve Doszpot MLA** asked the **Chair of the Sentence Administration Board**, during the Standing Committee into Justice and Community Safety hearing, taken on 2 May 2014:

In relation to doubling in the number of parole breaches

THE CHAIR: Mr Delaney, in the past six years there has been a trend of an approximate doubling in the number of parole breaches resulting in cancellation of parole from 14 to 24 compared to a tripling in the number of cases considered in the past two years alone—103 to 319. Does this trend indicate an increase in reluctance to cancel parole?

Mr Delaney: I do not think so. You are reading those figures, are you, from a report of the board?

THE CHAIR: It is from a report, yes.

Mr Delaney: Right.

THE CHAIR: This is something—sorry.

Mr Delaney: I hope it does not indicate a reluctance in appropriate circumstances to—

THE CHAIR: Look, you can take this on notice. I do not expect you to be able to give instant answers on all of these, but I guess we are just interested in having some indication where there is such a reluctance for whatever reason. Sorry, that is another question, I better pass it on to one of my colleagues, unless there are any supplementaries there.

**Minister** – the answer to the Member's question is as follows:

No; the figures referred to do not mean there is a trend indicating an increase in reluctance to cancel parole.

Approved for circulation to the Member

Shane Rattenbury MLA  
Minister for Corrections

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The Sentence Administration Board (SAB) acts on reports of allegations of breaches of parole referred to it and it does not have any control over the number, nature or seriousness of reported breaches referred.

The tripling of reports of breaches in 2012-2013 meant that a greater number of less serious breaches were received by the SAB. The SAB dealt with each breach allegation on its merits and whilst a lesser proportion of cancellations resulted, that is explicable, having regard to the greater proportion of less serious breaches dealt with in 2012-2013 compared with previous years.