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Dear Simon

You have asked several questions for written answer which were unable to be answered within the normal written question timeframe. These were questions for written answer 7820 (2007), 7823 (2007), 7825 (2007), 7832 (2007) and 7834 (2007).

I now respond to each question for written answer in turn.

I would point out to the Member that any decision to grant electronically monitored (EM) bail is a judicial decision, and all necessary information is considered by judges in making a judgment.

QWA 7820 (2007) – How many people have been granted electronic bail, specified by the charges faced, and whether police opposed electronic bail?

Information provided in this response is derived from data stored in the Ministry of Justice's Case Management System and supplemented with information about Police opposition collected by the Police Prosecution Service as at 10 May 2007.

Phased implementation of EM bail began on 25 September 2006 and the attached table shows the total number of defendants granted EM bail since 25 September 2006, by the offence group of the most serious charge faced by the defendant and whether or not Police opposed EM bail, as at 10 May 2007.

Defendants granted electronically monitored bail by offence group and police position for the period 25 September 2006 to 10 May 2007

Most Serious Charge Group	Police Position		
	Police opposed	Police did not oppose	Total
Manslaughter	0	1	1
Kidnap/Abduct	1	0	1
Rape	3	1	4
Unlawful Sexual Connection	1	0	1
Attempted Sexual Violation	1	0	1
Aggravated Robbery	3	1	4
Robbery	1	0	1
Grievous Assault	5	0	5
Threaten to Kill/do Grievous Bodily Harm	1	0	1
Other Violence	1	0	1
Total Violence	17	3	20
Burglary	7	4	11
Receiving	0	1	1
Fraud etc.	2	0	2
Arson	1	0	1
Total Property	10	5	15
Cannabis – Deal	2	0	2
Other Drug – Deal	7	0	7
Total Drug	9	0	9
Breach Community Work	1	0	1
Non Molestation/Protection	1	0	1
Total Against Justice	2	0	2
Total	38	8	46

QWA 7823 (2007) – How many, if any, people have been granted electronic bail after having been found guilty of the charges faced, but prior to sentencing, specified by charges faced?

Information provided in this response is derived from data stored in the Ministry of Justice’s Case Management System (CMS) and supplemented with information collected by the Police Prosecution Service as at 10 May 2007. CMS is the first comprehensive national database for criminal cases. It has been fully operational in the criminal jurisdictions since the end of October 2003. Phased implementation of electronically monitored (EM) bail began on 25 September 2006.

During the period 25 September 2006 to 10 May 2007, there have not been any defendants granted EM bail after having been found guilty of the charges faced, but prior to sentencing.

This does not include defendants who have pleaded guilty to some charges while facing other outstanding charges.

QWA 7825 (2007) – How many, if any, people have been granted electronic bail having been refused ordinary bail?

Information provided in this response is derived from data stored in the Ministry of Justice's Case Management System and supplemented with information about refusal of ordinary bail collected by the Police Prosecution Service as at 10 May 2007.

Phased implementation of electronically monitored (EM) bail began on 25 September 2006. The policy intention of EM bail is to provide an alternative to remand in custody. During the period 25 September 2006 to 10 May 2007 there have been 46 defendants granted EM bail, having been refused ordinary bail.

QWA 7832 (2007) – How many people remanded in custody have previously offended while on bail?

All information provided in this response is derived from data stored in the Ministry of Justice's Case Management System.

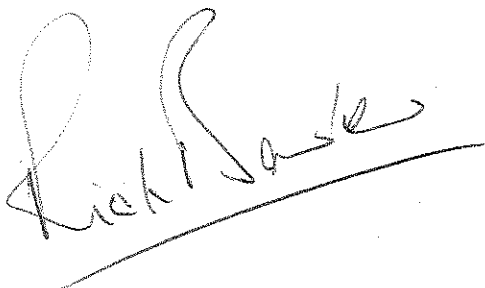
As at 10 May 2007 there were 2,724 individuals remanded in custody, of this number 1,616 had been convicted for offences committed while previously on bail.

QWA 7834 (2007) – How many, if any, people granted electronic bail have previously offended while on bail?

Information provided in this response is derived from data stored in the Ministry of Justice's Case Management System and supplemented with information collected by the Police Prosecution Service as at 10 May 2007.

Phased implementation of electronically monitored (EM) bail began on 25 September 2006 and during the period 25 September 2006 to 10 May 2007, there were 46 defendants granted EM bail, of this number 40 had been convicted for offences committed while previously on bail.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Barker', written over a horizontal line.

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