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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENT QUESTION NO: 711**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 04 APRIL 2016**

**DATE OF REPLY: 30 MARCH 2016**

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**Mr J Selfe (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to question 4197 on 10 December 2015, he has received the National Council of Correctional Services` (NCCS) recommendation regarding a certaiin offender`s application for parole (details furnished), if not, why not, if so, what was the NCCS` recommendation;

(2) whether the specified offender was afforded the opportunity to participate in Victim Offender Dialogues as a prerequisite for the granting of parole, if not why not; if so, on what dates didi teh dialogues occur;

(3) what progress has been made siince his reply to question 4197 on 10 December 2015 with regard to (a) the process to tracing teh specified offender`s victims and (b) positively confirming teh specified offender`s support sysytem should he be granted parole?

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**REPLY:**

1. Yes, the mentioned Offender`s profile report was presented before the National Council for Correctional Services (NCCS). After having considered the profile of the offender, the NCCS resolved not to recommend the offender`s placement on parole, and to reconsider the matter within twelve (12) months. It was recommended that the offender should be subjected to individual psychotherapy to further address his anger and aggressive behaviour.

(2) No, the offender did not participate in Victim Offender Dialogue as the means to locate his victims were unsuccessful..

1. (a) in an effort to trace the victims it was discovered that victims relocated and cold not be traced.

(3)(b) His address was confirmed to be positive.