

37th ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PAROLE BOARD

for the period

1 January to 31 December 2014

Annual Report - 2014

This is the thirty-seventh annual report of the Parole Board and covers the period 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014.

During this period the Board met on seventeen occasions to consider applications. The Board members attended as follows:

Mr Alan J Gordon	Chairman	(10)
Mr Robert Vasquez QC	Independent Member/Chairman	(15)
Mr Desmond Bell	Probation Officer	(4)
Mr John Montegriffo	Drugs Strategy Coordinator	(9)
Mrs Audrey Borastero		(1)
Mrs Pat Scott		(0)
Mr John Barabich		(15)
Mr Richard Gomila		(5)
Ms Jessica Perez		(12)
Mr Joseph L Baldachino		(6)
Mr Mario Balban		(3)

On the 24^{th} July 2014 one new member was appointed to the Parole Board for a period of three years.

Mr Joseph L Baldachino Independent Member

On the 25th September 2014 three members were re-appointed to the Parole Board for a period of three years.

Mr Robert Vasquez QC Chairman

Mr Desmond Bell Probation Officer

Mr John Montegriffo Drugs Strategy Coordinator

Four members have resigned as Board Members.

Mr Alan J Gordon Mrs Audrey Borastero Mrs Pat Scott Mr Mario Balban

During 2014 a total of 182 inmates were received into custody.

The Board considered the following number of cases during the period:

	Number	Recommended	Not	Deferred
	of Cases		Recommended	
Eligibility for	34	24	7	3
Parole				
Reconsideration of	2		2	
Original Decision				
Reconsideration of	3	2		1
Deferred Decision				
Revoked Licences	4	2	2	

In the cases of Anthony Da Palma Costa, Juan Luis Galiano Garcia and Juan Diego Tabares, the Board had recommended Early Release on Licence, the Minister for Justice asked the Board to reconsider its decision, the decision remained the same. Inmate Da Palma Costa was granted early release whilst the cases of inmates Galiano Garcia and Diego Tabares were reviewed before the Supreme Court. Both cases were not recommended for early release by the Judge.

Mr R Vasquez

Chairman

4th March 2015