



40th ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PAROLE BOARD

for the period

1 January to 31 December 2017

Annual Report – 2017

This is the fortieth annual report of the Parole Board and covers the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017.

The Parole Board held fourteen meetings to consider Parole cases. The Board members attended as follows:

Mr Joseph L Baldachino	Chairman	(14)
Mr Desmond Bell	Probation Officer	(8)
Mr John Barabich	Independent Member	(13)
Mr Leslie Bruzon	Independent Member	(10)
Mr Jonathan Garcia	Legal Representative	(10)
Ms G Guzman QC	Legal Representative	(2)
Mr John Montegriffo	Drugs Strategy Coordinator	(5)
Ms Patricia Orfila	Independent Member	(3)
Ms Jessica Perez	Probation Officer	(5)
Mr Freddie Vasquez QC	Legal Representative	(7)

Appointments

Mr Leslie Bruzon B.A., Mr Jonathan Garcia LLB, Ms Patricia Orfila and Mr Freddie Vasquez QC were appointed as independent members for a period of 3 years commencing on 10 January 2017.

The Hon Joseph Baldachino was reappointed as Chairman for a period of 3 years commencing on 22 July 2017.

Mr John Montegriffo and Mr Desmond Bell were reappointed as members for a period of 3 years commencing on 30 September 2017.

New Legislation

On the 27 April 2017, the Legal Assistance (Amendment) Rules, 2017, were published and came into effect. Since the introduction of this legislation the Parole Board has considered fifteen cases, nine of which the inmate has been legally represented.

Statistics

During 2017, 152 inmates were received into custody.

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

	Number of Cases	Recommended	Not Recommended	Deferred
Eligibility for Parole	21	10 ¹	13	0
Reconsideration of Original Decision	5	4	1	0
Recalled To Prison	3		3	



Mr JL Baldachino
Chairman
18 January 2018

¹ Two inmates whose cases were considered in 2016 and released in 2017 on the direction of the Supreme Court under the provisions of Section 54(8) of the Prison Act