

SUMMARY



Date considered: 14 April 2022

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 18 years.

Test for release

2. Before it could direct release, the Board had to be satisfied that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the offender should be confined.

Decision

3. The Board was satisfied on this matter, and directed release subject to licence conditions.

Reasons for decision

4. In reaching its decision, the Board considered:
 - a) the circumstances of the index offence, and any offending history;
 - b) formal risk assessments prepared on the offender;
 - c) the offender's conduct since sentence, and intentions if released;
 - d) all relevant information in the dossier; and
 - e) the evidence heard at the hearing.
5. Whilst the offender committed an extremely serious and violent index offence causing catastrophic and fatal harm, the Board was satisfied that they had used their time in custody well, reflected on what caused them to become involved in the index offence, shown appropriate remorse and worked hard to reduce their reoffending risks and to make positive plans for the future.
6. In such circumstances, and given the evidence of both community- and prison-based social work and the offender, the Board was satisfied that their risks could be managed in the community and that it was no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the offender remain confined in custody.
7. The Board was satisfied that the licence conditions it intimated were lawful, necessary and proportionate to manage such risks as the offender may pose to the community on release.