

SUMMARY



Date considered: 14 March 2022

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 15 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. The Board accepted the evidence of both social workers that the risk presented by the offender is manageable in the community. The Board accepted the evidence that it is not necessary in the circumstances of this case for the offender to be further tested.
6. The offender has demonstrated compliance and engagement since the commencement of his sentence. The offender has successfully completed programme work. The offender has demonstrated that he can cope with adverse events and managed to avoid negative peer influences.
7. The offender acknowledged that he may face challenges in their adjustment to life in the community. The offender will be supported in addition to the supervision aspects of his licence.