

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 601**  
**Asked on 20 May 2004**

Mr Messenger asked the Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts (Ms Bligh) -

QUESTION:

**MR MESSENGER** asked the Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh)—

With reference to truancy-

For each year since 2001 and for the year to date, (a) what is the number of parents who have received warning notices regarding child truancy and (b) what is the number that have been fined and what was the amount in each instance?

ANSWER:

- (a) Under changes to the compulsory education provisions of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 1989* which came into effect on 1 January 2004, authorised officers of the department are able to issue warning notices to parents who are in breach of these provisions.

The issue of warning notices is managed at the school and district level. Data on the number of warning notices issues to parents has not yet been collected centrally.

- (b) The Department of Justice and Attorney-General manages the statistical data regarding the number of parents that have been fined and the amount in each instance. The Honourable Member should therefore direct his question to the Attorney General and Minister for Justice.