

Question on Notice No.900, Thursday 19 August 2004

Mr ROWELL asked the Minister for Emergency Services (Mr Cummins) -

With reference to section 146 of the *Fire and Rescue Services Act 1990* –

What was the number of convictions of a person who wilfully and unlawfully lights or attempts to light a grass fire (that is, a fire that predominantly consumes vegetation) with the intent to injure any person or property in Queensland for each of 2002-03 and 2003-04 and 2004-05 year to date, (reported separately)

Mr CUMMINS:

My department undertook research for this question in conjunction with the Department of Justice and Attorney General. I wish to advise that for the period in question there have been no convictions under Section 146 of the *Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990*.

I can advise, however that this is not the only section of the Act used to prosecute persons who light fires.