

Question on Notice
No. 799
Asked on 23 May 2006

MR HORAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, FAIR TRADING AND WINE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT (MRS KEECH)—

With reference to the *Security Providers Act 1993*, for each of the last two financial years and for the year to date (reported separately)—

(1) What is the number of inspectors charged with enforcing the Act, broken down by region?

(2) How many adverse reports have been received in relation to the Act broken down by region and how many of these reports were investigated?

(3) How many of these investigations resulted in a prosecution and how many providers had their licence removed?

ANSWER:

All Queensland Police officers have powers of inspection under the *Security Providers Act 1993*, and are able to refer matters directly to the Office of Fair Trading for action.

In relation to officers of my Department, I am advised that as the Act applies across Queensland my Department's inspectors are appointed to undertake operations State-wide. Therefore, as inspectors are not appointed to enforce the Act by region, the total numbers of officers within my Department empowered to enforce the Act in 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 (to 31 May 2006) were 88, 97 and 99, respectively.

I am further advised that when my Department receives complaints and intelligence referrals, or identifies potential legislative breaches during spot checks, all of these matters are fully investigated.

In relation to the number of enforcement actions undertaken by my Department, I am advised that in 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 (to 31 May 2006), a total of 145, 255 and 228 enforcement and administrative actions have been undertaken, respectively. These figures include the cancellation, suspension and/or refusal of 23, 58 and 82 licences in 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 (to 31 May 2006), respectively.