

Question on Notice

No. 850

Asked on 24 May 2006

MR JOHNSON asked the Minister for Education and the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Safe and Healthier Schools Program under which School Principals and the Director-General of Education have powers to ban violent or aggressive intruders from school grounds for up to 12 months pursuant to legislation passed by the Parliament in 2003—

- (1) Since 2003 on how many occasions have the powers available under the legislation been invoked in order to prevent potentially dangerous persons from entering school grounds?
- (2) How many potentially dangerous persons have been banned and from which schools (reported separately) have those persons been banned and what is the length of time the ban was/is in place?

ANSWER:

The amendment in relation to Division 7 – Directions and orders about conduct or movement at, or entry to, premises of state educational institutions – of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 1989* came into effect on 24 June 2004.

In accordance with this legislation, information on the number and type of directives is published in the Department of Education and the Arts Annual Report. All available information has already been published in this way. I urge the Honourable Member to pay attention to my Departments annual reports to obtain information like this in the future, thus avoiding having to ask unnecessary questions.