

**Question on Notice  
No. 561  
Asked on 17 April 2007**

Mr Lingard asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE)-

QUESTION:

With reference to chroming laws in Queensland—

- (1) How many retailers have been charged with selling spray cans to persons under the age of 18 years since the laws commenced?
- (2) How many retailers were repeat offenders of this charge?

ANSWER:

- (1) These laws were passed on 7 February 2007. This completes the 2006 election commitment by the Beattie Government to introduce laws banning the sale of spray paint cans to people under the age of 18.

The laws will take effect in September 2007 following an education campaign to inform the community, businesses and their staff of the changes. Under the new laws, anyone caught selling spray paint to minors (persons under 18 years) will be subject to an escalating penalty scheme, with a maximum fine of up to \$31,500 for a third offence.

- (2) The laws referenced by the Member will commence in September 2007.