

Question on Notice

No. 920

Asked on Thursday, 7 June 2007

Mr LANGBROEK asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland (Mr Shine) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998* and given that a business vehicle is an exempt vehicle as a smoke-free enclosed space if only one person is in the vehicle –

How many fines or prosecutions have there been under section 26R of the Act for business vehicles in which there is more than one person, and someone in the vehicle has been caught smoking?

ANSWER:

This question refers to legislation outside my portfolio responsibilities.

As the Honourable Member would be aware, Queensland's tobacco laws are primarily enforced by Queensland Health Environmental Health Officers (EHOs). According to the Queensland Health website, "EHOs can issue improvement notices and on-the spot fines, and initiate legal proceedings for breaches of the tobacco laws".

I am advised the Department of Justice and Attorney-General does not have access to data on the total number of infringement notices issued by Queensland Government departments for offences under section 26R of the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998.Act.