

Question on Notice

No. 1686

Asked on Tuesday, 11 November 2008

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

QUESTION:

- (1) How many sentences involving a fine were handed down in Queensland Courts in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 to date (reported by year and Magistrates, District and superior Courts)?
- (2) What was the total dollar amount of fines handed down by Queensland Courts in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 to date (reported by year and Magistrates, District and superior Courts)?
- (3) How many of those fines were converted into community service in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 to date?

ANSWER:

Number of criminal court orders imposing a fine			
Court	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09 as at 14 Nov 08
Magistrates Court	132,017	143,094	57,630
District Court	334	311	104
Supreme Court	85	82	37
Total	132,436	143,487	57,771

Source: Queensland Wide Interlinked Courts System

Note: Defendants may receive one or more fines when a sentence is handed down by the Court, hence the above figures are not a count of defendants.

Total dollar amount of fines in (1) above			
Court	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09 as at 14 Nov 08
Magistrates Court	\$68,108,571.48	\$71,159,467.68	\$27,470,225.27
District Court	\$263,817.00	\$339,035.00	\$232,225.00
Supreme Court	\$80,166.00	\$92,425.00	\$37,450.00
Total	\$68,452,554.48	\$71,590,927.68	\$27,739,900.27

Source: Queensland Wide Interlinked Courts System

Converted to community service	
Court orders originating in 2006-07	3,176
Court orders originating in 2007-08	1,727
Court orders originating in 2008-09 (as at 13 Nov 08)	424
Total	5,327

Source: State Penalty Enforcement Registry System and Queensland Wide Interlinked Courts System