

## Question on Notice

No. 426

Asked on Thursday, 13 March 2008

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

### QUESTION:

Will he detail for 2006-07 and 2007-08 to date (reported separately) for the District and Supreme Courts (reported separately) (a) the head sentence imposed for each conviction and (b) where a non parole period was imposed the length of such period?

### ANSWER:

- (a) Table 1 below shows the number of convicted defendants grouped by most serious penalty. As there is no unique identifier enabling the identification and subsequent reporting of unique defendants, defendants have been identified based on the same surname, initial of their first name, date of birth, order date, court type and court location. Data contained in Table 1 does not include defendants finalised in the Childrens Court of Queensland.

Table 1. Convicted Defendants by Most Serious Penalty<sup>1</sup>

Penalty	District Court		Supreme Court	
	2006-07	2007-08 (as at 29 Feb 2008)	2006-07	2007-08 (as at 29 Feb 2008)
Imprisonment - Life	1		22	6
Imprisonment	2,065	1,605	479	386
Detention	4		3	3
Intensive Correction Order	259	124	30	14
Conditional Release Order	3		1	
Wholly Suspended Imprisonment	570	314	166	103
Community Service	351	237	63	37
Probation	320	213	43	43
Monetary	185	120	56	36
Reparation Order	13	14		
Pecuniary Penalty	5	1		
Recog S30 <sup>2</sup>	8	11	1	
Recog S32 <sup>2</sup>	22	8		
Order & Recog S20 <sup>3</sup>	33	19		3
Recog S19 <sup>3</sup>	40	19	3	1
Disqualify Licence	4	5		
Imprisonment - Rising of the Court	4	2		1
Convicted - not further punished	24	17	6	3
Admonished & Discharged		1		
Released Absolutely	1	7		
Property forfeited			1	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,912</b>	<b>2,717</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>636</b>

<sup>1</sup> Penalties in the table are based on the order of seriousness as determined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics

<sup>2</sup> Recognisances ordered pursuant to the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992*

<sup>3</sup> Recognisances ordered pursuant to the *Crimes Act 1914*

- (b) Table 2 below shows where applicable a court ordered parole has been ordered in conjunction with the above imprisonment penalties.

**Table 2: Length of Non-parole period, broken down by Court type and financial year**

Time period	District Court		Supreme Court	
	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08
		(as at 29 Feb 2008)		(as at 29 Feb 2008)
Less than 3 months	458	560	107	123
Greater than or equal to 3 months, and less than 6 months	247	207	31	44
Greater than or equal to 6 months, and less than 12 months	225	196	71	55
Greater than or equal to 12 months, and less than 18 months	109	80	36	28
Greater than or equal to 18 months, and less than 24 months	55	37	13	6
Greater than or equal to 2 years, and less than 5 years	57	38	32	20
Greater than or equal to 5 years	8	1	5	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>277</b>