

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1422

asked on Wednesday 7 October 2009

MR WETTENHALL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

How many infringement notices have been issued and how many prosecutions commenced since the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* was amended to authorise officers of the Department of Environment and Resource Management and local government officers to enforce new litter laws?

ANSWER:

On 11 February 2008, new provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* commenced to allow an authorised officer to issue an infringement notice for littering from a vehicle based on the registration details of that vehicle.

The changes allowed easier and safer enforcement of vehicle-related littering and illegal dumping offences by both local government and Department of Environment and Resource Management authorised officers.

Since 11 February 2008 officers have issued a total of 1143 infringement notices for vehicle-related littering offences including Councils who have reported data to the Department.