

Question on Notice

No. 1599

Asked on Wednesday, 28 October 2009

Mr SPRINGBORG asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations (Mr C R Dick) -

QUESTION:

With reference to offences carrying a maximum penalty of life imprisonment—

- (1) How many offenders were sentenced for these offences in Queensland courts in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (reported by year)?
- (2) How many offenders in (1) were sentenced to terms of actual imprisonment (non-parole period) of more than eight years?

ANSWER:

To answer this question in its current form would place an unreasonable impost on the resources of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

The question does not specifically identify any particular Act (either Commonwealth or State), or sections of an Act. As a result, the scope of the question and any response are very broad.

Within the *Criminal Code Act 1899* alone, there are 35 sections where the maximum penalty is life. The manner in which data for these offences is extracted from the courts criminal database means that there are over 600 possible outcomes for which a penalty of life imprisonment can be imposed.

The courts criminal data base contains details and outcomes for these offences, as well as data on other offences (including numerous offences under Commonwealth legislation) for which an offender may be sentenced to life imprisonment.