Question on Notice

No. 1020

Asked on Thursday, 16 June 2011

MRS MENKENS asked the Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State (MR LUCAS)–

QUESTION:

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice No. 612 of 2011, which in Appendix A outlines the number of tickets for infringement notices for public nuisance and related offences that have been issued since the scheme was implemented (reported by police district and by month)—

(1) How many of these tickets have been contested in court?

(2) How many tickets have not been paid?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Burdekin for her question.

I am advised that in relation to the number of contested public nuisance infringement notices, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General does not record this information. Prosecutions lodged with the Magistrates Courts do not indicate whether the alleged offence was previously the subject of an infringement notice.

I am further advised that since the scheme was implemented there have been 3,892 unpaid infringements for public nuisance offences registered with the State Penalties Enforcement Registry (SPER).