

Question on Notice

No. 39

Asked on 16 February 2011

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Dangerous Prisoner (Sexual Offenders) Orders made in Queensland in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 (to date)-

- (1) How many orders were made (reported separately by year)?
- (2) How many were supervision orders and how many were for continuing detention orders (reported by year and order type for each year)?
- (3) How many breaches of supervision orders were dealt with by Queensland courts (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

While this question was asked of Minister Dick, then-Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations, due to recent changes in Ministerial responsibility, I am now the Minister responsible for this matter and therefore provide this response.

Since the commencement of *the Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003* (the Act) in June 2003 there have been 115 orders made. Data is not maintained on a per year basis. There are currently 74 supervision orders and 36 detention orders. There have been two completed supervision orders and three offenders are deceased.

Since the commencement of the Act, 48 offenders have been subject of contravention proceedings in the Supreme Court. Again, data is not maintained on a per year basis.

The Act was brought in by this Government to endure appropriate protection of the community from the most serious sexual offenders. Under the previous National Party Government, dangerous sexual offenders walked free into the community at the completion of their sentence without this tough supervision.