

Question on Notice

No. 836

Asked on Wednesday, 20 November 2013

MR STEVENS asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (MR BLEIJIE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail the effectiveness of the Newman Government's criminal motorcycle legislation and the outcomes that have already happened as a result of this new legislation?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mermaid Beach for his question.

Since the introduction of the new legislation to eliminate criminal motorcycle gangs from Queensland in October 2013, 336 criminal motorcycle gang participants, members and associates, have been arrested on 711 offences including: trafficking; supplying and possessing dangerous drugs; possession of restricted drugs; money laundering; extortion; armed robbery; arson; going armed so as to cause fear; threatening violence; affray; stealing; unlawful use of a motor vehicle; serious assault; assault occasioning bodily harm; breach of bail; unlawful possession of weapons and dangerous articles; return to prison warrants and traffic related offences.

Police have seized money, weapons and motor vehicles through the execution of 117 search warrants and there have been 32 charges preferred under the new legislation.

In relation to bail decisions, 18 criminal motorcycle gang participants have been placed in a show cause situation. Of these, eight remain in custody (as at 9.00 a.m. on 29 November 2013) and nine have entered a plea of guilty and been subject to a Court outcome at the first available opportunity.

Thirty criminal motorcycle gang participants have been charged as a result of the riot at Broadbeach on the Gold Coast on 27 September 2013. This information is current as at 28 November 2013.