

## Question on Notice

No. 493

Asked on 5 June 2014

**MS PALASZCZUK** asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr JARROD BLEIJIE) –

### QUESTION:

Will the Attorney-General:

- (a) advise how many mandatory graffiti removal orders have been made since the commencement of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill (No.2) 2012,
- (b) provide a comparison of the number of persons sentenced for graffiti offences and the penalties imposed for 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 to date and
- (c) advise how many have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment for graffiti since the maximum penalty was increased to seven years' imprisonment?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Inala for her question.

20 years of Labor government inaction and mismanagement has created a generation of arrogant repeat offenders whose crimes cost the community and business many thousands of dollars every year. The LNP went to the election with a strong approach aimed at holding graffiti offenders accountable for their actions.

To deliver on the Government's pre-election commitment to crack down on graffiti crime, amendments were made to the *Youth Justice Act 1992*, *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* and *Criminal Code Act 1899*. These amendments increased the maximum penalty for graffiti crime from five to seven years imprisonment and created an order requiring young graffiti offenders to perform graffiti removal programs.

Unlike the rhetoric of the Labor Party, these orders have produced real outcomes, including the removal of some 3,500 square metres of graffiti from 20 different sites around the Gold Coast.

In relation to the Member for Inala's question:

- (a) Since the commencement of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill (No.2) 2012, there have been 133 graffiti removal orders made in Queensland Courts.
- (b) The table below outlines the number of defendants sentenced for graffiti offences and penalties imposed in the Queensland Courts.

### Number of Defendants Sentenced for Graffiti Offences in Queensland Courts

Order	Financial Year			Grand Total
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14*	
Imprisonment/Detention	56	64	46	166
Custody in the Community	13	16	6	35
Community Service Order	202	251	127	580
Probation order	74	72	58	204
Youth Justice Conference	63	16	-	79
Monetary Order	155	151	130	436
Good Behaviour/Recognisance	79	75	57	211
Other	108	105	78	291
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>2,002</b>

\*Current figures for the 2013-14 financial year only include period 1 July 2013 to 20 April 2014

- (c) There have been 47 (41 imprisonment and 6 custody in the community) defendants sentenced to a term of imprisonment since the maximum penalty was increased to seven years' imprisonment on 13 August 2013.