

Question on Notice
No.1445
Asked on 30 August 2016

MR SPRINGBORG ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON W BYRNE) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide via a monthly breakdown for the period 1 January 2016 to date, the number of occasions on which a client of the department wearing a GPS monitoring device (a) was accused of conducting a criminal offence (including nature of the offence) and (b) was found guilty of conducting a criminal offence (including nature of the offence)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Southern Downs for his question.

The Palaszczuk Government is extending its commitment to ensuring community safety through GPS monitoring of offenders. In addition to the \$1.3 million per annum announced in the 2016-17 budget, the Palaszczuk Government has committed a further \$5.1 million over the next four years for this important initiative.

I am advised by Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) that a number of the convictions referred to below are offences of an historical nature and the majority of offences listed in Table A relate to breaches of an order including curfew breaches, failure to report for a scheduled appointment and/or a positive drug or alcohol test.

I am further advised that according to QCS records:

- (a) During the period 1 January 2016 to 31 August 2016, QCS received notifications for 21 offenders who were subject to electronic monitoring at the time of the notification. The notifications were received via the Integrated Justice Information System (IJIS) that the offender has been charged by the Queensland Police Service with an offence. The offences listed on the IJIS notifications were identified as follows:

Table A Offence, Relevant Act listed on IJIS notification ¹	Month of IJIS notification								Total number of IJIS notifications by offence
	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun 2016	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	
Going Armed so as to cause fear, <i>Queensland Criminal Code</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Sexual Assaults whilst Armed/In Company, <i>Queensland Criminal Code</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Stealing, <i>Queensland Criminal Code</i>	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Wilful Damage, <i>Queensland Criminal Code</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Using a carriage service to menace, harass or cause offence, <i>Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth)</i>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Contravention of Relevant Order, <i>Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003</i> **	3	5	2	5	1		6	3	25**
Contravention of Domestic Violence Order, <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012</i>						1			1
Total number of IJIS notifications by month	4	6	2	5	1	2	8	3	31
Distinct Count of Offenders by month	3	5	1	3	1	2	5	3	23*

Notes:

There were 31 charges received through IJIS notifications for 21 distinct offenders. An offender may have: more than one IJIS notification for the same offence type in the same month; more than one IJIS notification but for different offences in the same month; more than one IJIS notification for different offences in different months; and/or more than one IJIS notification for same offence type in different months.

* Two offenders received IJIS notifications in more than one month. Both are counted twice in the 'Distinct Count of Offender by month' row.

** An offender who contravenes, breaches or fails to comply with a requirement of their supervision order are often subject to a criminal charge by Police under s43AA of the *Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act (DPSOA) 2003*. A contravention under S43AA includes curfew breaches, failing to report for a scheduled appointment and/or a positive drug or alcohol test.

(b) During the period 1 January 2016 to 31 August 2016, a total of four offenders who had been subject to electronic monitoring were convicted of offences as follows:

Table B Offence, Relevant Act ²	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun 2016	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	Total Charges	Historical offence
Use of a Carriage Service, to Menace, Harass, or Cause Offence, <i>Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth)</i>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	No
Contravention of relevant order, <i>Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003</i>	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	No
Stealing, <i>Queensland Criminal Code</i>	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	No
Fraud-Dishonestly Obtains Property from Another, <i>Queensland Criminal Code</i>	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	No
Indecent Treatment or Dealings with Child, <i>Queensland Criminal Code</i>	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	Yes
Indecent Dealings, <i>Queensland Criminal Code</i>	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	Yes
Total number of convictions by month of sentencing date	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	
Distinct Count of Offenders by month	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	4	

Notes:

The two offenders convicted of offences of an historical nature, involved offences committed prior to the commencement of DPSOA supervision.