

Question on Notice

No. 1735
Asked on 11 October 2016

MR STEVENS ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice No. 265 of 2009—

Will the Attorney-General detail for Dangerous Prisoner (Sexual Offenders) Orders made in Queensland in the 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years (a) how many orders were made (reported separately), (b) how many were supervision orders and how many were for continuing detention orders (reported by year and order type for each year) and (c) how many breaches of supervision orders were dealt with by Queensland courts (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mermaid Beach for his question.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to maintaining the safety of all Queenslanders. The *Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003* (the Act), gives the courts the authority to make orders that a prisoner be detained in custody after the completion of their original sentence, or that they only be released subject to a range of conditions.

In determining the most appropriate order in the circumstances, the primary consideration for the court is the need for adequate protection of the community, taking into account such evidence as expert psychiatric reports.

The data is available in relation to the number of orders in place for each type of order by financial year. In 2012-13 there were 111 offenders subject to supervision orders, in 2013-14 there were 114 offenders subject to supervision orders, in 2014-15 there were 119 offenders subject to supervision orders and in 2015-16 there were 134 offenders subject to supervision orders.

In 2012-13 there were 23 offenders subject to continuing detention orders, in 2013-14 there were 22 offenders subject to continuing detention orders, in 2014-15 there were 13 offenders subject to continuing detention orders and in 2015-16 there were 24 offenders subject to continuing detention orders.

Offenders may have been subject to continuing detention orders within the relevant financial year but then released to supervision within the same financial year.

In 2012-13 there were 27 warrants for contraventions issued under section 20 of the Act, 2013-14 there were 29 warrants for contraventions issued under section 20 of the Act, 2014-15 there were 35 warrants for contraventions issued under section 20 of the Act and in 2015-16 there were 34 warrants issued under section 20 of the Act. Proceedings for the alleged contraventions may not have been finalised within the same financial year.