

Question on Notice

No. 1633

Asked on Thursday, 17 October 2019

MR D CRISAFULLI ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to littering and illegal dumping—

Will the Minister detail since 1 July 2019 (a) the number of littering or illegal dumping reports made to the department and (b) the total amount of penalty infringement notices issued by the department for littering and illegal dumping?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

I am advised that, for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 October 2019, the Department of Environment and Science has received 1,720 reports of littering or illegal dumping; and issued a total of 1,084 Penalty Infringement Notices (PINs) for littering or illegal dumping. In some instances a report does not result in a PIN, for example, where the department is unable to proceed due to insufficient or incorrect evidence. Also, I am advised that in some cases infringement notices have been withdrawn because a recipient has elected to have the matter heard in court.

The Palaszczuk Government is serious about combatting illegal dumping and littering and is investing \$2 million over two years in funding for local governments through the Illegal Dumping Partnerships Program.

Illegal dumping costs Queensland communities millions of dollars each year in management and clean-up expenses, and our government is ensuring councils have the resources needed to protect their communities and the environment.

On top of this investment, extra compliance officers have been deployed across Queensland this year to ensure appropriate waste management practices are being upheld.