

Question on Notice
No. 372
Asked on 27 March 2019

MR J LANGBROEK ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many offenders have been charged with habitual consorting since the Serious and Organised Crime Legislation Amendment Act 2016 became operational in March 2017?

ANSWER:

Queensland has the strongest, toughest, most comprehensive serious and organised crime laws in the nation.

The Palaszczuk Government's laws are workable and Queenslanders are seeing results. The Queensland Police Service (QPS) has advised that as at 1 April 2019, 11 people have been charged with habitual consorting, with 1,091 official consorting warnings issued across Queensland.

The QPS has advised that these results show the official consorting warnings have been a successful deterrent in discouraging the practice of consorting by criminal networks.

Our serious and organised crime laws provide police with the tools they need to tackle organised crime and disrupt attempts by outlaw motorcycle gangs to gain a foothold in Queensland. Importantly, they keep communities safe.