

Question on Notice
No. 931
Asked on 11 June 2019

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the joint investigations between the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission and Queensland Police Service's Racing Crime Squad into the harness code—

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of 2017-18 and 2018-19 to date of (a) the number of offenders charged with offences (reported separately by financial year) and (b) the total number of offences committed (reported separately by financial year and type of offence)?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that for the financial year 2017-18, six offenders were charged with offences relating to harness code participants and for the current financial year to 14 June 2019, I am advised four offenders have been charged with offences following investigations relating to the harness code.

The QPS has advised that for the financial year 2017-18, sixteen charges were preferred and that these offences included seven counts of facilitating match-fixing, three counts of having knowledge of match-fixing makes a bet, two counts of encouraging another to make a relevant bet, one count perjury, one count fraud and two counts of receiving tainted property.

For the current financial year to 14 June 2019, I am advised four charges have been preferred and that these offences include one count of perjury and three counts of general dishonest – obtaining a gain under Commonwealth legislation.