

Question on Notice

No. 69

Asked on 11 February 2026

MR P RUSSO ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR INTEGRITY (HON D FRECKLINGTON)

QUESTION:

With reference to enforcement, compliance and education activities undertaken in the 2024–25 financial year by the Office of Fair Trading in the second-hand dealer, automotive wrecker and metal recycler industries—

Will the Attorney-General advise (a) how many scheduled compliance or enforcement operations were conducted, (b) how many spot checks and unannounced inspections were conducted, (c) the total number of traders inspected or checked and how many were referred for further investigation and (d) the types of offences identified from investigations in 2024–25, including the number and percentage of each offence type?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Toohey for the question.

I am advised that in 2024-25, the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) conducted Operation Metal Theft, in response to ongoing concerns about the sale of stolen scrap metal.

Operation Metal Theft was an intelligence-driven and risk-based operation targeting traders suspected of undertaking unlicensed scrap metal dealing or failing to meet their licensing obligations.

In addition, in 2024-25 OFT conducted 80 unannounced compliance spot checks on businesses operating as second-hand dealers, including metal recyclers, and automotive wreckers.

Of these spot checks, 23 were referred for further investigation for possible breaches of OFT legislation, those investigations identified 32 breaches.

In accordance with OFT's Compliance and Enforcement Policy, appropriate enforcement action was taken against traders that breached the legislation, with one investigation ongoing.