

LITTERING AND ILLEGAL DUMPING — PENALTIES

4957. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the penalties for littering and illegal dumping under the *Litter Act 1979* and the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, and I ask —

- (1) How many fines or other penalties for littering cigarette butts, syringes or broken glass were imposed in —
 - (a) 2008–09;
 - (b) 2009–10; and
 - (c) 2010–11?
- (2) How many fines or other penalties relating to the offence of unlawfully dumping waste were imposed in the year ending 31 October 2011?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

The Minister for Environment has provided the following response:

- (1) The Department of Environment and Conservation and the Keep Australia Beautiful Council do not keep statistics on the individual type of litter an infringement is issued for, other than for cigarette butts. The information provided does not take into account fines or other penalties imposed by local governments.
 - (a) total infringements 4233, including 3700 for cigarette butts
 - (b) total infringements 4842, including 4402 for cigarette butts
 - (c) total infringements 3935, including 3532 for cigarette butts
- (2) One conviction (\$10,000 fine) in the Magistrates Court of Western Australia, with four separate prosecutions pending.