

FINES ENFORCEMENT REGISTRY — BAYCORP WA PTY LTD

3977. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the supplementary information provided in response to Legislative Council Question without Notice No. 305 of 24 March 2015, and ask:

- (a) does Baycorp WA Pty Ltd (the private debt recovery agency engaged for management of fine defaulters on the Fines Enforcement Registry) receive a fee for each fine managed and, if so, how much is the fine;
- (b) who pays the fee in (a) in the event of a fine defaulter not paying and going to prison to cut out a fine;
- (c) if the government pays a fee to Baycorp WA Pty Ltd when a fine defaulter goes to prison to cut out the fine (as detailed in (b) above), what amount was paid by the government to Baycorp WA Pty Ltd in 2014 calendar year in such circumstances;
- (d) how much money did the private debt collector Baycorp WA Pty Ltd receive in fees paid by people listed on the Fines Enforcement Registry in the 2014 calendar year; and
- (e) does the private debt collection business Baycorp WA Pty Ltd receive any other payment from the government other than fees imposed on fine defaulters and, if so, what amount did they receive in the 2014 calendar year?

Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:

- (a)–(b) Please refer to Legislative Council Question on Notice 2936.
- (c) If Baycorp is unsuccessful in finalising or recovering a fine, the enforcement warrant is returned to the Registrar for alternative enforcement action. The government does not pay a fee to Baycorp (WA) Pty Ltd if a fine defaulter is later imprisoned on a Warrant of Commitment.
- (d)–(e) Please refer to Legislative Council Question on Notice 2936.