

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS — CRIMINAL CONFISCATION CASES

295. Hon AARON STONEHOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I note that three separate approaches have been made to my office in recent weeks about criminal confiscation cases currently being undertaken by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

- (1) How many criminal confiscation cases are currently being pursued by the DPP?
- (2) What is the cash value of the assets under consideration in each of these cases?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) There are currently some 480 active confiscation cases. These cases are in various stages, including, but not limited to, matters for which freezing notices need to be served, matters awaiting charges to be finalised, matters for which court documents are being prepared to progress confiscation action, matters being considered by the court, and matters for which a declaration of confiscation has been made and the proceeds are being realised.
- (2) To quantify the cash value of assets in each individual case, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions would have to review all active files—that is approximately 480—to extract the information. This would require significant time and resources. Even then, that information may not be readily available from the office of the DPP file in all cases and clarification would need to be obtained from other parties. However, the total gross value, not taking into account third party interests, of the property involved in these active cases is approximately \$146 million.