

AMBULANCE OFFICERS — ASSAULTS

848. Hon ED DERMER to the Attorney General:

I refer to section 318 of the Criminal Code in relation to assaulting an ambulance officer.

- (1) Have charges been laid or a conviction recorded for assaulting a public officer following the attack on an ambulance responding to an assault in Vahland Avenue, Willetton, in late August 2012, which resulted in minor injuries to the paramedics?
- (2) Have charges been laid or a conviction recorded for assaulting a public officer following a similar attack on an ambulance responding to an out-of-control party in Piara Waters in mid-September 2012?
- (3) Since 21 March 2012, under mandatory sentencing laws —
 - (a) how many convictions have there been for assaulting an ambulance officer; and
 - (b) how many charges have been laid for assaulting an ambulance officer?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The Department of the Attorney General is not in a position to provide data in relation to specific individuals. This matter should be referred to the Minister for Police.
- (3)
 - (a) For the period between 21 March 2012 and the current date, four persons have been convicted of assaulting an ambulance officer under section 318(1)(h)(i) of the Criminal Code. None of these persons were mandatorily sentenced to imprisonment pursuant to section 318(4), “prescribed circumstances”, in which the ambulance officer would have to have suffered bodily harm.
 - (b) For the period between 21 March 2012 and the current date, five persons have had charges against them lodged in court under section 318(1)(h)(i) of the Criminal Code. None, at the time of lodgement, had been charged under the “prescribed circumstances” of section 318(4).