

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOUR ORDERS REGULATIONS 2011 —
PERSISTENT VOLUME OFFENDERS

3785. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

I refer to the Prohibited Behaviour Orders Regulations 2011, and I ask —

- (1) In respect of each prescribed offence, how many times have the persistent volume offenders the Minister identified as the targets of this legislation been convicted over the last three years?
- (2) In respect of each prescribed offence, how many times have other people aged 16 years or older been convicted over the last three years?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

- (1) Prior to passage of the Prohibited Behaviour Orders Act 2010 and the associated regulations, analysis was conducted of persistent volume offenders presently in the adult criminal justice and juvenile justice systems, and the Act is consequently targeted towards offenders who prolifically engage in anti-social behaviour. The Government cannot identify with certainty the specific persistent volume offenders who will be targets of the Act and the associated regulations, because the Act can only apply to individuals who are convicted of at least one relevant offence once the operative provisions of the Act have been in effect.

The purpose of the offences prescribed in the Prohibited Behaviour Orders Regulations 2011 is not to target specific offenders known to police or government, but to ensure that offences that are plainly of such a nature that they will ordinarily involve anti-social behaviour are so presumed in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

- (2) Not applicable —see (1)