

ILLEGAL DUMPING — TRAINING ON ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS

256. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Department of Environment and Conservation's media release dated 25 November 2010, headed "Illegal dumping enforcement officers ready".

- (1) How many DEC officers have been trained and authorised to enforce the new provisions?
- (2) How many local government officers have been trained and authorised to enforce the new provisions?
- (3) How many times have these officers exercised the new powers for inspections and prosecutions since 25 November 2010?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

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

- (1) There are 206 DEC officers who have the relevant authorisation, of whom 43 have received additional training specifically on the illegal dumping provisions. The training module is being rolled out to all authorised officers. All 206 authorised officers have been able to carry out enforcement for illegal dumping of waste from the time these provisions came into force.
- (2) Technically, 224 local government officers are authorised to enforce the illegal dumping provisions. The first training session for local government officers in the use of these provisions commences on 25 May 2011.
- (3) A number of matters are currently under investigation concerning an allegation of illegal dumping under the new provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.