

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, RIGHT OF ENTRY TO PRIVATE PROPERTY,  
STATUTES

2042. Mr M.G. House to the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Will the Minister provide the details of the statutes under his ministerial portfolio that allow officers of the department, agencies or persons appointed by them to enter private property -
  - (a) with a warrant; and
  - (b) without a warrant?
- (2) Will the Minister detail the circumstances under which such entry may be exercised?
- (3) Will the Minister advise whether there is a difference with regard to such entry between -
  - (a) a private residential property; and
  - (b) other private property?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

Department of Education and Training

- (1) Section 13 of the School Education Act 1999 permits an authorised person employed by the Department of Education and Training to call at any premises used as a dwelling. A warrant is not required, although the person is required to produce his/her certificate of appointment.
- (2) The authorised person may require any person on the premises appearing to be over the age of 18 to answer any question relevant to whether there is living at the premises any child of compulsory school age who is not enrolled in an educational program.
- (3) The Act only permits authorised persons to call at premises used as a dwelling.