

LEGAL AFFAIRS — WORK AND DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

**388. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the Attorney General's response on 14 February 2023 to question on notice 1103 in which he revealed that noncompliance with work and development permits is recorded within the metric of the number of permits cancelled.

- (1) How many permits were cancelled during the 2021–22 financial year?
- (2) Noting that permits can be cancelled for various reasons, including in circumstances in which a sponsor is unable to continue supervising the performance or activity stated in the permit, why is noncompliance of the offender not measured as a separate metric?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I note that the answer was correct as at 21 February 2023. The following information has been provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1) Between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022, the total number of permits cancelled was 641.
- (2) Section 46H(4) of the Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Act 1994 specifies the grounds on which a work and development permit may be cancelled by the registrar of the Fines Enforcement Registry. The department therefore maintains data on permit cancellations specifying which of those legislative grounds are applicable.