

PUBLIC TRANSPORT — ROCK THROWING INCIDENTS

1172. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) How many people did the Public Transport Authority identify for throwing rocks or projectiles in:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12; and
 - (c) 2012-13?
- (2) How many of those in (1) were:
 - (a) prosecuted; and
 - (b) convicted?
- (3) How many were referred to any other body for investigation in:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12; and
 - (c) 2012-13?
- (4) How many were referred to any other body for prosecution in:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12; and
 - (c) 2012-13?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

- (1)–(2) The Public Transport Authority (PTA) does not have powers to infringe or arrest a member of the public for throwing rocks or projectiles and therefore cannot summons, prosecute and convict an offender on that basis alone. The PTA does however record the number of these types of incidents and in some instances the PTA has been able to identify the offender(s).
 - (a) 20 offenders identified.
 - (b) 41 offenders identified.
 - (c) 66 offenders identified.
- (3) The following number of incidents were referred to Police. It is unknown how many offenders were involved in each incident.
 - (a) 104.
 - (b) 138.
 - (c) 130.
- (4) This is a matter for the Western Australian Police to answer.