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Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA on 8 November 2022: Ms Derise Cubin took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: And what penalties exist for hawkers who break the rules by either overstaying their time, allocated time, or trading in a location not approved?

Ms Cubin: I do not believe I have the penalty information. I have to take that question on notice, just from the penalty perspective.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. And perhaps similarly, how many penalties were issued to hawkers in the last 12 months?

Ms Cubin: I will have to take that on notice, although I believe none, recognising that, you know, the impacts of the pandemic and seeking to help businesses establish.

Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Section 99 of the *Public Unleased Land Act 2013* (the **Act**) provides that the penalty for a person who fails to comply with a removal direction is a maximum penalty of 10 penalty units.

Section 99A of the Act provides that the penalty for a hawker who hinders or obstructs the free movement of people or vehicles in public unleased land; or endangers the safety of members of the public in public uneased land is a maximum penalty of 30 penalty units.

Access Canberra has not issued any penalties to hawkers in the last 12 months.

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By the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA