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| Question number: 1501 | Question date: June 14, 2017 |
| Question asked by: Hon. Jamie Fox, Leader of the Official Opposition | |
| Question asked of (<i>department</i>): Department of Justice | |
| Question answered by (<i>Minister</i>): Hon. Wade MacLauchlan | Date answer received by Clerk's Office: JUL 24 2017 <small>Office Use Only</small> |

QUESTION: Why does this Government charge and prosecute Farm Corporations belonging to Island farmers for offences that are not against the law?

ANSWER:

An offence, by definition, is a violation of a law.

It is not possible to charge and prosecute matters that are not against the law.

Charges are laid, often in consultation with the Crown Attorney's Office, when the facts support so doing. Prosecutions proceed where, in the opinion of the Crown, it is in the public interest and there exists a reasonable prospect of conviction.



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QUESTION: When did this Government realize that it was prosecuting farm corporations for offences under the *Pesticide Control Act* for things that are not illegal?

ANSWER:

An offence is, by definition, an illegal act. It is not possible to charge and prosecute matters that are not against the law.

Prosecutions proceed where, in the opinion of the Crown, it is in the public interest and there exists a reasonable prospect of conviction.



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QUESTION: How much has this Government spent to investigate and prosecute farmers since coming to power for "offences" that are not even illegal?

ANSWER:

There is no such thing as offences that are not illegal.