

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION No X

David T. C. Davies (Monmouth): What steps the Environment Agency is taking to prevent illegal fly tipping on farms.

- [REDACTED]

FACTS AND FIGURES

- For the 2016/17 year, local authorities dealt with over 1 million (1,002,000) fly-tipping incidents, a 7% increase from 2015/16. The Environment Agency dealt with 218 incidents of large-scale illegal dumping of waste in England.
- The estimated cost of clearance for fly-tipping to local authorities in England in 2016/17 was £57.7 million.
- Local authorities carried out 474,000 enforcement actions in 2016/17 at an estimated cost of around £16 million, a decrease of 20,000 actions and £880,000 in cost from 2015/16.
- Two thirds (67%) of fly-tips involved household waste. Household waste incidents saw an increase of 8% from 2015/16.

BACKGROUND

- The 2016/17 fly-tipping statistics for England were published on 19 October. The statistics show a year-on-year increase in the number of fly-tipping incidents that local authorities dealt with over the last five years. [REDACTED] In May 2016 we implemented the Government's manifesto commitment to introduce Fixed Penalty Notices of up to £400 for small-scale fly-tipping. We strengthened local authorities' and Environment Agency's ability to search, seize and destroy vehicles of suspected fly-tippers. We have cracked down on offenders by strengthening the Sentencing Council's Guideline for environmental offences, which came into force on 1 July 2014. [REDACTED]