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### Cockroach found in bread

A Ballina bakery that sold a cockroach in a loaf of bread is the one of 23 premises to appear on the NSW Government's name and shame list this week, Primary Industries Minister Ian Macdonald said today.

"This latest example of a cockroach found in a loaf of bread is just another reason why the Government is providing consumers with as much information as possible, so they can make informed decisions about where to eat," Mr Macdonald said.

"There is no excuse for cockroaches to be anywhere near food – and consumers deserve better.

"The name and shame website now lists 547 premises and a total of 922 fines.

"The site is on track to register a thousand infringements in its first year, as was predicted based on annual Food Authority statistics."

The 23 new penalties which appear on the website this week include:

- Zhen Zhen Van Loi Hot Bread bakery in Ballina fined \$550 for selling a loaf of bread with a cockroach in it.
- A Coles supermarket in Breese Parade, Forster received two fines worth \$1,320 for selling pre-packed 75g sliced processed chicken meat (corrected) and a meat pie after their "use-by" dates.
- Good Luck Butchery in Burwood Road, Burwood received four fines totalling \$2,640 for hygiene-related offences and for selling pork mince laced with sulphur dioxide, a banned preservative that disguises the appearance of meat and could cause allergic reaction.
- Hokka Hokka noodle bar in Chatswood received two fines of \$330 each for hygiene problems. The shop is one of a chain of Sydney stores that have collectively received ten fines in 5 premises in a year.

"The website now allows people to search by trading name, suburb, postcode, date and even type of violation," Mr Macdonald said.

"The website has now had more than 1.5 million hits and is clearly playing an important role in helping consumers become better informed.

"Let's remember that the vast majority of food businesses in NSW do the right thing, and deliver exceptional fresh food to consumers."