

Question on Notice
No. 758
Asked on 18 June 2004

MRS CUNNINGHAM asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the “anti-hooning” legislation in the electorate of Gladstone -

How many confiscations have occurred in each category of confiscation?

ANSWER:

The “anti-hoon” legislation came into force on 4 November 2002.

The laws include provisions to empower police officers to impound vehicles used for hooning in the first instance for a period of 48 hours.

In instances of repeat offenders, the provisions enable courts to make orders to allow for impoundment of a vehicle for up to three months after a second offence and possible forfeiture of a vehicle to the State after a third or subsequent offence.

The laws also allow police to issue directions to the driver of a vehicle to cease using sound equipment for 12 hours where the noise created is considered excessive. A failure to comply with the direction could result in the equipment being confiscated for 24 hours and prosecution for failure to comply with the direction.

The laws were designed by the Beattie Government to make the roads safer, aid in the preservation of public safety and place reasonable checks on noisy vehicles which disturb the peace. The new laws have delivered a tough but fair response to the problem of hooning.

Since the introduction of the “anti-hoon” legislation, in the Gladstone Police District there have been ten vehicles impounded for a period of 48 hours under the provisions of section 59 of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*. Seven vehicles were impounded in Gladstone and three in Tannum Sands. The vehicles were impounded for the offence categories of ‘dangerous operation’ and ‘wilfully make unnecessary noise/smoke’.

No second or third offences have been recorded. These results show the Beattie Government’s “anti hoon” laws are working to deter repeat offenders.