Question on Notice No. 19 Asked on 6 February 2007

MR MESSENGER asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE)-

QUESTION:

Is she aware of a device produced by a local company, Australian Radar Detection Services Pty Ltd which is capable of warning when police radar devices are in use and which is also incapable of detection by the latest police technology (Spectre III); if so, has any action been taken by her department in relation to the use of this particular device?

ANSWER:

Police are aware of the devices marketed by Australian Radar Detection Services Pty Ltd. Electronic devices designed to alert motorists to the use and presence of speed detection equipment (radar detectors) are illegal to use in Queensland. The Queensland Police Service uses a number of electronic devices across the State designed to detect radar detectors; these are known as Radar Detector Detectors (RDDs). Police take appropriate enforcement action against motorists caught flouting the law by using radar detectors.

The RDDs used by Queensland Police are designed, manufactured and sold by a local Queensland company and they can detect most, if not all, radar detectors manufactured. The most recent RDD model used by the Queensland Police Service is the Stalcar Mark III.

Furthermore, the Queensland Police Service advises me that the Decatur mobile radar used by our police operates on a frequency that is generally not detectable by most radar detectors.