

**Question on Notice
No. 1386
Asked on 6 October 2009**

MS STONE asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS)—

QUESTION:

How many vehicles have been impounded under hooning legislation?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question and interest in the safety of Queensland road users.

The Bligh Government does not tolerate the dangerous attitudes of drivers who disobey the law and put the lives of other road users at risk.

In November 2002, the Government introduced new 'anti-hooning' laws which gave police additional powers to combat 'hooning' behaviour on Queensland roads. These laws allow for vehicle confiscation for 'type 1' offences of dangerous driving, careless driving, conducting speed trials, and making unnecessary noise or smoke in circumstances that involve a speed trial, a race between motor vehicles or a burn out.

To strengthen this legislation, in July 2007 the Government introduced further legislation allowing police to impound motor vehicles of drivers who repeatedly ignore the law by driving unregistered and uninsured vehicles, driving whilst unlicensed or disqualified, drink driving whilst over the high alcohol limit, failing to supply a specimen of breath or blood, or driving illegally modified vehicles. These offences are referred to as 'type 2' impoundment offences.

As at 30 September 2009, police have impounded 14,963 motor vehicles under the 'anti-hooning' laws (5,264 for 'type 1' offences and 9,699 for 'type 2' offences).

This Government makes no apology for getting tough on 'hooning' behaviour on our roads and doing what is necessary to ensure the safety of all road users.