

**Question on Notice
No. 1636
Asked on 29 October 2009**

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

QUESTION:

How many people were charged with drink driving related offences in 2007-08 and 2008-09 (reported by year and police region) and how many people were sentenced to actual terms of imprisonment for repeat drink driving offences in 2007-08 and 2008-09 (reported by year)?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government is committed to reducing the incidence and severity of road trauma on Queensland roads. In 2009-10, this Government has allocated a record \$1.706 billion to the Queensland Police Service, which includes \$47 million for road safety initiatives including engaging specialist traffic officers, continuation of the fixed speed camera rollout, completion of the Digital Integrated Traffic Camera System and maintaining the current speed and red light camera operations and public education programs aimed at reducing road trauma.

This Government and the Queensland Police Service are determined that alcohol and drug-affected drivers will not be tolerated on the state's roads. Police regularly undertake random alcohol and drug testing of motorists across all regions. In 2007-08, police conducted more than three million random breath tests. During the same period, a total of 32,261 people were charged with drink driving related offences. Police continued to target alcohol-affected drivers in 2008-09, with more than 2.8 million random breath tests, and 29,584 people charged with related offences.

Attachment 1 details the numbers of people charged with drink driving related offences in 2007-08 and 2008-09 (reported by year and police region).

The Queensland Police Service is unable to provide the requested information on people sentenced to imprisonment as this information is held by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

Attachment 1

Region	2007-08	2008-09 ⁽¹⁾
Far Northern	3,203	2,870
Northern	2,687	2,790
Central	3,454	3,244
North Coast	6,088	5,496
Southern	3,009	2,848
South Eastern	5,911	5,287
Metropolitan North	3,736	3,425
Metropolitan South	4,149	3,610
Queensland ⁽²⁾	32,261	29,584

(1) These figures are preliminary and may be subject to change.

(2) The region totals do not sum to the Queensland total as there are incidents where location may not have been recorded.

Source: Queensland Police Service Data ©