

**Question on Notice
No. 1709
Asked on 10 November 2009**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to traffic incidents attended by police in 2007-08 and 2008-09—

- (1) How many incidents did police attend where a driver involved returned a blood alcohol level in excess of .05 (reported by year and police region)?
- (2) How many incidents did police attend where the cause of the accident was a result of fatigue (reported by year and police region)?
- (3) How many fatal traffic incidents did police attend (reported by year and police region)?

ANSWER:

The actions of motorists who flout the road rules by driving whilst fatigued and or intoxicated or drug-affected will not be tolerated. The Bligh Government and Queensland Police Service remain committed to reducing the incidence and severity of road trauma on Queensland roads. However, driver behaviour and attitude continues to have a significant influence on the rate of fatalities and casualties which result from traffic incidents. The Government needs the support of Queensland motorists to ensure that they arrive home safely from their journeys.

This Government recognises the need for education and awareness campaigns and strong enforcement of road regulations. In 2009-10, the Bligh Government allocated a record \$1.706 billion to the Queensland Police Service. This budget includes a total of \$47 million for road safety initiatives including the appointment of a further 53 specialist traffic officer positions, completing this Government's commitment to providing 106 traffic officers over two years.

Other road safety initiatives include the 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.

The requested information is set out in the attached table.

Reported Traffic Incidents attended by police, All Police Regions, 2006/07 to 2008/09⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

Region		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09⁽²⁾
Central Region	Over Prescribed Limit of Alcohol ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	248	252	16
	Driver Fatigue	193	211	5
	Fatal	52	44	40
Far Northern Region	Over Prescribed Limit of Alcohol ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	216	199	12
	Driver Fatigue	79	103	3
	Fatal	23	21	33
Metropolitan North Region	Over Prescribed Limit of Alcohol ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	310	389	6
	Driver Fatigue	81	72	0
	Fatal	22	19	21
Metropolitan South Region	Over Prescribed Limit of Alcohol ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	325	352	9
	Driver Fatigue	78	71	0
	Fatal	29	28	21
North Coast Region	Over Prescribed Limit of Alcohol ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	493	506	30
	Driver Fatigue	242	298	9
	Fatal	72	69	88
Northern Region	Over Prescribed Limit of Alcohol ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	198	176	14
	Driver Fatigue	105	93	2
	Fatal	29	20	26
South Eastern Region	Over Prescribed Limit of Alcohol ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	537	605	12
	Driver Fatigue	138	154	1
	Fatal	60	64	35
Southern Region	Over Prescribed Limit of Alcohol ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	272	289	14
	Driver Fatigue	235	240	10
	Fatal	51	41	46
Queensland	Over Prescribed Limit of Alcohol⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	2,599	2,530	113
	Driver Fatigue	1,151	1,242	30
	Fatal	338	306	310

(1) These data relate to crashes, not casualties.

(2) The data for 2008/09 relate to Fataals only as Injury and Property Damage Data is not available post June 2008 due to current data cleansing processes.

(3) There may be more than one major contributing circumstance to cause a crash.

(4) Alcohol related data may take up to 12 months to finalise, therefore these data may be subject to change.

(5) Over the legal limit does not necessarily mean being over 0.05, as those with restricted licences are often required to have 0.00 BAC level.

Source: WebCrash Data Base, Department of Transport and Main Roads