

**Question on Notice
No. 306
Asked on 30 April 2013**

MR PUCCI asked the Minister for Police and Community Safety (MR DEMPSEY)—

QUESTION:

How will the commitments made by the Newman Government to change hooning laws and impound vehicles benefit residents of the Logan Electorate?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government has ensured that Queensland will have the nation's toughest anti-hooning laws through the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Motor Vehicle Impoundment) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 which was introduced to Parliament on 27 November 2012 and passed on 16 April 2013.

These laws allow police to impound offenders' vehicles in the first instance of committing a serious hooning offence and will also see offenders' vehicles crushed or forfeited for further offences committed within five years.

The new legislation will also help cut red tape and reduce paperwork, enabling frontline police to spend more time patrolling and protecting our community and its members.

Police within the Logan Electorate will continue to proactively conduct traffic enforcement, employing collaborative strategies to address traffic and hooning activities. The actions undertaken by officers in relation to hoon and traffic-related issues are consistent with the Queensland Police Service's Strategic Plan to contribute to safe road use and enhance community safety.

General duties and traffic branch officers will also continue to conduct intelligence-driven patrols within the Logan Electorate to prevent, detect and disrupt hoon-related offences. Targeted patrols are assigned according to relevant data, including road crashes, traffic complaints, hooning activity and information from the community through initiatives like the Hoon Hotline.

Enforcement strategies adopted by general duties officers and traffic branch officers include the use of handheld laser speed detection devices, speed cameras, static and mobile random breath testing, vehicle mounted mobile speed detection devices, noise level meters, and high visibility and unmarked patrols. Potential sites for speed camera operations are continually identified and assessed for suitability by a regional committee involving police, government and non-government stakeholders in road safety.

Hooning is not only socially unacceptable, it is outright dangerous and places the lives of all road users at risk. The tough new anti-hoon laws will benefit the Logan Electorate by improving road safety, deterring repeat offenders, and stopping offenders by taking their cars away.