

**Question on Notice
No. 477
Asked on 7 June 2013**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the legislated/permitted extent of usage and associated noise levels for the police helicopter at Carrara and to what extent will this be allowed to increase over the next two years?

ANSWER:

The police helicopter currently operates out of the Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Rescue hangar at Carrara on the Gold Coast. The hangar has been operational for 37 years.

The helicopter utilised for police operations is a Eurocopter BO105 helicopter, which is considered amongst the quietest in the world. Further, it is certified compliant under the *Air Navigation (Aircraft Noise) Regulations 9A (2) (a)*.