

**Question on Notice  
No. 245  
Asked on 1 April 2014**

MR HOLSWICH asked the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services (MR DEMPSEY)—

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise how many vehicles have been impounded to date under the government's new anti-hooning legislation, categorised by offence type, with specific reference to the number of vehicles impounded for illegal modifications?

**ANSWER:**

On 1 November 2013, amended vehicle impoundment provisions of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* were enacted. This legislation forms part of the Government's commitment to Queensland being the safest place to live and raise a family through the 'Safer Streets Crime Action Plan' and 'Putting the brakes on Hoons'.

The amended provisions introduced the ability of investigating officers to remove and confiscate the number plates of offending vehicles in certain circumstances as an alternative to impoundment. This process is referred to as 'immobilisation'. The ability remains for officers to impound a vehicle for Type 1 and Type 2 offences, and is the preferred option for Type 1 offences.

Between 1 November 2013 and 15 April 2014, there were 28,248 (2,302 Type 1 and 25,946 Type 2) motor vehicle impoundment related offences reported state-wide. Of these, there have been 6,020 vehicles subject to impoundment or immobilisation (including those vehicles eligible for forfeiture).

Between 1 November 2013 and 15 April 2014, eight vehicles have been subject to immobilisation and five vehicles impounded for the offence of Type 2e illegally modified vehicle. This equates to only 13 (0.22%) of the 6,020 vehicles impounded, immobilised or eligible for forfeiture.

**Table 1: Number of impoundments and immobilisations by Type 1 offence types,  
Queensland  
(1 November 2013 to 15 April 2014)**

Type 1	Impounded or Immobilised^	% of total for Type 1 and Type 2 (n=6,020)
Type 1a(i) Dangerous operation of a vehicle	55	0.91%
Type 1a(ii) Driving without due care and attention	54	0.90%
Type 1a(iii) Racing / Speed Trial on road	7	0.12%
Type 1a(iv) Wilfully make unnecessary noise or smoke	355	5.90%
Type 1b Evade Police	170	2.82%

**Statistics** are from QPRIME ZAP Analysis and are accurate as at 15 April 2014. Note that data is preliminary and may be subject to change.

^Includes offences where the vehicle is eligible for forfeiture.

**Table 2: Number of impoundments and immobilisations by Type 2 offence types,  
Queensland  
(1 November 2013 to 15 April 2014)**

<b>Type 2</b>	<b>Impounded or Immobilised^</b>	<b>% of total for Type 1 and Type 2 (n=6,020)</b>
Type 2a Unregistered & Uninsured	904	15.02%
Type 2b Driving whilst unlicensed	2368	39.34%
Type 2b Driving whilst disqualified or restricted	1905	31.64%
Type 2c Drink Drive 0.15% and over (Certificate)	132	2.19%
Type 2d Drink Drive – Fail to provide specimen of breath or blood	20	0.33%
Type 2d Drive under 24hr suspension	9	0.15%
<b>Type 2e Drive/permit – Illegally modified vehicle</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0.22%</b>
Type 2f - High end speeding (40 km/hr above)	28	0.47%
<b>TOTAL Type 1 &amp; Type 2 (immobilised, impounded or eligible for forfeiture)</b>	<b>6020</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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