

Question on Notice
No. 306
Asked on 2 March 2017

MR S DICKSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what percentage of cars stolen in Queensland during 2016 were routinely fingerprinted in an effort to identify the thief or thieves, excluding stolen motor vehicles used in the commission of serious offences?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that of the total reported unlawful use of motor vehicle offences in Queensland during 2016, 90 percent were recovered and 39 percent of those recovered vehicles were forensically examined, including being fingerprinted.

QPS further advise that this level of examination is commensurate with previous years, including 2014, when, of the total reported unlawful use of motor vehicle offences, 88 percent of vehicles were recovered and 41 percent of those recovered vehicles were forensically examined, including being fingerprinted.

QPS advise it is not feasible to identify which of the recovered vehicles were used in the commission of a serious offence. To extract the information requested, it would require each record on the database to be examined individually, which would amount to an unjustifiable use of police resources.