

Question on Notice

No. 1532

Asked on Wednesday 31 October 2018

MR N DAMETTO ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the significant monetary fines for the offence of an uninsured (\$313) and unregistered (\$522) motor vehicle, and the removal of the requirement for visible registration stickers to be displayed in motor vehicles which acted as a prompt for motorists to renew their registration—

Will the Minister consider introducing a grace period for motorists who forget to renew their motor vehicle registration, or at a minimum, a warning for a first offence?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Hinchinbrook for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) currently provides a 30-day grace period for unregistered vehicles detected by automated number plate recognition cameras operated by TMR. Within the first 15 days following expiry of registration, TMR does not issue the customer with an infringement notice but, in the following 15 days, the customer is sent a warning letter reminding them to renew their registration.

After this 30-day grace period, a registered operator will be issued an infringement for operating an unregistered vehicle. However, it is at the discretion of Queensland Police Service officers whether they will issue an infringement for a recently expired registration.

In addition to the above arrangements, there is also a 30-day grace period following registration expiry for compulsory third-party insurance.

It continues to be an offence to operate an unregistered and uninsured vehicle on Queensland roads regardless of the period of expiry, and motorists are encouraged to ensure their registration is current.