

Question on Notice

No. 1540

Asked on Wednesday 31 October 2018

MR P WEIR ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to a pensioner constituent in the Condamine Electorate who received a fine for non-payment of a vehicle registration, costing approximately \$1,300 for the vehicle to be back on the road (including new registration plates, a vehicle service centre carrying out safety checks, compulsory third party insurance and the fine)—

Will the Minister advise (a) how the department uses the \$835 fines and (b) if there is any recourse for vehicle owners with an excellent payment history to seek a refund of the fine when non-payment has not been their fault?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Condamine for the question.

The fine of \$835 consisted of two components. The first component was a fine of \$313 for driving an unregistered four-cylinder or two-rotor motor vehicle on a road which is directed to consolidated revenue, similar to other vehicle-related penalties. The second component was a fine of \$522 for driving an uninsured vehicle on a road. That portion of the fine was directed to the Motor Accident Insurance Commission to be paid into the motor accident insurance fund.

Everyone who receives an infringement notice arising from a breach of transport legislation can either pay the fine in full or elect to have the matter heard in the Magistrates Court. Department of Transport and Main Roads' prosecutors review every matter before commencing court proceedings and only commence proceedings when it is in the public interest.