

Question on Notice
No. 1747
Asked on 23 October 2019

MS S BOLTON ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister consider increasing police powers to allow enforced removal of a vehicle that has been involved in an accident and is left at the site, although off-road, for an extended period as local councils can't enforce removal when a vehicle is registered and not a safety hazard?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that abandoned vehicles parked on council-controlled roadways is a matter for council to resolve. If police believe the vehicle is creating a source of danger to other users and pedestrians then police may act so that it is no longer creating a source of danger.

I am further advised that abandoned vehicles on the state-controlled road network is a matter for the Department of Transport and Main Roads. If the vehicle is a source of danger, police may act as previously stated.

As such, the QPS has advised that it will not seek additional police powers to remove vehicles.