

Question on Notice
No. 71
Asked on 13 February 2019

MS F SIMPSON ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN) —

QUESTION:

With reference to action by the Queensland Police Service to tackle hooning in the Maroochydore Electorate (including Mooloolaba)—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many infringement notices were issued as a result of the 'Operation Hoon' activities conducted in the Maroochydore area in 2018 and (b) what plans are in place to conduct future anti-hooning operations in Maroochydore in 2019?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that a number of collaborative road safety strategies are being undertaken by the Sunshine Coast Police District, the Sunshine Coast Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR). Operation Hoon is one component of this broader strategy.

The QPS has advised that further strategies include the creation of a special area speed limit for Mooloolaba, the approval of four additional speed camera sites to complement the special area speed limit and the use of Visual Message Signage to display road safety messages.

Operation Hoon was run jointly by QPS and DTMR from 2 November to 8 December 2018 to enhance motorist awareness and compliance in the Maroochydore area. I am advised by the QPS that 71 Traffic Infringement Notices were issued by the QPS during this operation.

I am informed that DTMR also issued infringement notices during this operation. As such, the Member may wish to seek further information from the Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads on the number of infringement notices issued by DTMR.

The QPS has advised that strategies, such as Operation Hoon, have seen a reduction in complaints by the community with regards to poor driver behaviour.

I have been assured that Sunshine Coast Police will continue to undertake proactive strategies, including further anti-hooning operations, to address and target poor driver behaviour across the Maroochydore electorate and the Sunshine Coast to maintain safety on the state's road network.