

Question on Notice
No. 324
Asked on 30 March 2022

MR N DAMETTO ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to unlawful use of motor vehicle crime in North Queensland, delays in police intercepting perpetrators, and evidence that Queensland Police Service's 'no pursuit' policy has created a free for all for those who wish to engage in this illegal behaviour— Will the Minister commit to reviewing the current methods being used to stop stolen vehicles and their occupants?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the factual basis for the member's question is incorrect.

I am also advised by the QPS that its pursuits policy is consistent with most Australian jurisdictions and based on risk mitigation and the prioritising of the safety of police officers and the community.

I am further advised the QPS pursuits policy is a result of a number of recommendations from the Coroner and predecessors to the Crime and Corruption Commission.

The QPS also advises that it has implemented a number of further strategies to interdict vehicles and will be consistently reviewing any developments regarding this matter to ensure the QPS maintains best practice.