



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026– 2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Reference: ACT Policing

Hearing: 28 July 2026

In relation to: ACT Policing of dangerous driving Uriarra

Question received: 05/08/2026

Answer Due: 12 August 2026

Minister, Repeated reports of dangerous and anti-social driving behaviour in the Uriarra area suggest current reactive response approaches are not enough to prevent "hooning" in the area.

What proactive steps are the ACT Government taking to protect the community and roads from dangerous driving activities?

Dr Marisa Paterson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Government and ACT Policing recognise and acknowledge community concerns regarding dangerous and anti-social driving in the Uriarra area. ACT Policing does not tolerate behaviour that endangers the community and actively targets known hooning corridors through intelligence-led policing, supported by community reporting and partner agency collaboration.

Rather than relying solely on static or location-specific responses, ACT Policing manages hooning and street racing as a dynamic operational issue, as organised hooning activities are highly mobile and not always straight forward to disrupt. To counter this, ACT Policing uses information gathered from patrols, community engagement, and other partners to identify hotspots across the ACT, including the Uriarra and Brindabella corridor. In rural areas such as Uriarra, ACT Policing works closely with the ACT Parks and Conservation Service Ranger to maintain ongoing awareness of offending behaviour and to coordinate enforcement activities.

These efforts are further supported by ACT Policing's Proactive Intervention and Diversion Team, a broader initiative targeting recidivist offending across Canberra, including dangerous driving behaviours. ACT Policing also conduct periodic large-scale, high-visibility and targeted traffic enforcement operations, including in the Uriarra area, to reinforce safe driving practices and deter offending.

Community reporting also remains a key component of the proactive response, providing information which is analysed and incorporated into ACT Policing intelligence to inform future operational planning and enforcement activities.

For the 2025-26 financial year, 2,773 online dangerous driving reports were received by ACT Policing which resulted in 1,838 Traffic Infringement Notices, 588 Cautions and 248 warning letters being issued, demonstrating the value of community information in supporting enforcement outcomes and informing proactive responses.

For the first half of 2026, 115 police actions have occurred in the areas covering Brindabella, Coree, Cotter, Molonglo, Molonglo Valley, Stromlo and Uriarra Village.

More specifically, members from across multiple areas of ACT Policing have undertaken the activities including:

- conducted seven targeted crime operations
- responded to ten motor vehicle collisions
- recovered four stolen motor vehicles
- recorded twenty-seven suspicious wanted vehicle incidents
- conducted fourteen targeted traffic patrols
- attended fourteen traffic-related incidents.

The ACT Government and ACT Policing continue to explore additional measures to reduce dangerous driving behaviour and improve community safety across the ACT.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA