



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

Mr James Milligan MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),  
Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

### ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

DR MARISA PATERSON MLA: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

Ref: ACT Police

In relation to: Dangerous driving on Uriarra's roads

- (1) Since Estimates last year, what steps has ACT Police taken to address dangerous driving out on roads surrounding Uriarra?
- (2) As we enter into the warmer weather, the anecdotal reporting of dangerous driving incidents appears to increase at key intersections around Uriarra township – what proactive steps will ACT policing be taking over the summer months to ensure that this illegal behaviour does not occur?
- (3) Uriarra is a township that is 27 mins from Woden Police Station and 30 minutes from Belconnen Police Station (as per Google Maps). Any policing around Uriarra draws police resources from a relatively long way away – how do ACT Police manage police resources being deployed to Uriarra and demands closer to either Woden or Belconnen?

**Mick Gentleman MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- (1) ACT Policing continue to conduct enforcement operations on the roads at the western fringe of Canberra. High range speeders and unregistered vehicles have been detected and fined/charged accordingly during recent enforcement operations.

On Sunday 21 August 2022, ACT Road Policing issued seven infringements in the Uriarra area after reports of speeding were made by local residents.

Uriarra Traffic Offences						
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
TINS	10	4	10	4	3	31
Cautions	0	2	4	1	2	9
Incidents reported	1	8	10	6	4	29
Offences reported	1	2	7	1	2	13
Charges laid	1	2	3	0	0	6

### Operation TORIC

A taskforce under the title of Operation TORIC established on 1 August 2022 for an initial three month period, is a collaboration of members from the Proactive Intervention and Diversion Team, Road Policing and General Duties.

The taskforce is focused on offending including the identification of recidivist fail to stop offenders who engage in dangerous and high speed driving behaviour, placing the community and ACT Policing members at great risk. Offenders often attempt to evade apprehension due to being impaired, subject of sanctioned licence conditions (or not holding a valid licence in any case) and in stolen motor vehicles. The driving behaviour of offenders often escalates upon sighting Police further increasing risk and the likelihood of tragic outcomes.

- (2) In collaboration with the Roads Transport Authority, Transport Canberra and City Services and community partners, the ACT Government and ACT Policing undertake numerous strategies to improve road safety and reduce anti-social driving behaviours, including burnouts and hooning.

ACT Policing conduct targeted traffic operations which are designed to identify offenders, deter offending and promote a culture of road safety in our community.

The ACT Government has also developed the ACT Road Safety Strategy 2020-2025 and the ACT Road Safety Action Plan 2020-2023. These policies ensure ACT Government agencies and stakeholders work collaboratively to improve road safety. These policies, together with the Ministerial Direction to ACT Policing to combat dangerous driving behaviours, provide a framework to ensure resources are directed towards issues nominated by the community warranting intervention by police and/or treatments by other ACT road and road safety agencies.

- (3) ACT Policing has access to many resources, in addition to those located at Woden and Belconnen Police Stations, and its dispatch protocols dictate that the closest and most appropriate available resources will be dispatched.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mick Gentleman MLA