



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibblings MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Reference: ACT Police – dirt bike riding

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In relation to: Police, Fire and Emergency Services

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1. **What strategies is ACT Policing using to reduce illegal dirt bike riding and anti-social electric scooter operation in Tuggeranong, and the ACT more generally?**

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

Q1:

ACT Policing, in collaboration with the ACT Government and other key stakeholders, is actively seeking to address and disrupt behaviours that interrupt community safety and wellbeing, including illegal dirt bike riding and anti-social electric scooter operation in Tuggeranong and more broadly across the ACT.

A proportion of ACT drivers and riders do not use ACT roads and passageways in a responsible way and place an unacceptable risk on themselves and others using them.

Over the past two years, ACT Policing has received 264 Information Reports (IRs) regarding dirt/trail/motorbikes within the Tuggeranong Patrol Zone. Of the 264 IRs, 11 related to electric motorbikes (where electric was identified).

This intelligence, along with other mediums used to express community concerns regarding inappropriate use of electric scooters are provided to the Officer's-In-Charge (OIC) of Tuggeranong Police Station and Road Policing for their awareness and action, where operationally applicable. Both OIC's are aware of ongoing issues of this nature and are committed to deploying patrols to target illegal and unregistered motorbike riding, as well as disruptive and dangerous use of electric scooters, where availability allows.

ACT Policing acknowledge that all reports to police are prioritised in accordance with dispatch protocols relating to the danger posed to life and property.

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ACT Policing and the ACT Government regularly work together on public awareness campaigns in a united effort to educate the community and improve road and passageway safety and are committed to ongoing enforcement, education and awareness to keep our community safe.

ACT Policing is regularly conducting intelligence led targeted patrols and acknowledges the value of the expansion of the Online Reporting Portal as an alternative reporting mechanism to regular channels (Triple Zero (000) and 131 444 police assistance line) where community members can report crime in a manner and time that suits their needs.

ACT Policing would like to highlight that information from the community is crucial in identifying problematic areas and the times incidents are occurring. This information helps ACT Policing to better assess, prioritise and direct resources to provide a stronger presence in these areas.

These efforts are supported by the Proactive Intervention and Disruption Team, a broader initiative that targets recidivist offending across Canberra (previously under Operation TORIC), including but not limited to dangerous driving.

ACT Policing remains committed and focused on the deterrence and disruption of dangerous behaviours on roads and passageways in Tuggeranong and across the ACT. ACT Policing will continue to work with the ACT Government and other key stakeholders to develop and implement strategies aimed at improving road safety and reducing anti-social and dangerous driving and riding behaviours. This includes the further development of the Online Reporting Portal, targeted activities and joint education campaigns aligned with the Road Safety Calendar, focusing on enhancing road and passageway culture and associated user behaviours.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

Signature:

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Date:

16/12/25

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