

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

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**Demerit Point System**

1. Have police made any submissions to your Government recommending the introduction of a drivers licence demerit point system for traffic infringements?

**ANSWER**

Road safety strategies are subject to constant review. Enforcement of all Traffic laws and Regulations form an important component of NT Road Safety Strategies.

Research analysis is conducted on interstate and overseas strategies to address road safety, which assists in developing and implementing new enforcement and educational strategies for Northern Territory road users.

Strategies deployed in 2004/05 to deter and detect traffic offenders included:

- Tactical intelligence-led use of speed camera vans and hand-held speed detection devices.
- Strategic traffic campaigns targeting unregistered and uninsured motor vehicles, speeding, red light running, non-wearing of seat belts, and other offences under the *Traffic Act* and *Traffic Regulations*.

Educational lectures are regularly conducted to school students, Defence Force personnel, and other corporations in respect of road user safety.

Media advice in respect of upcoming road safety campaigns also assist in raising public awareness to road safety imperatives.

The Government's policy in relation to a demerit points system was articulated publicly by the previous Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services in 2001/02. No consideration has been given to changing that position nor have submissions to that end been sought or obtained.