LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms J Carney **to** Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Unlicensed Drivers and Unregistered Vehicles

1. Minister how many drivers were arrested for driving unlicensed and how many for driving unregistered motor vehicles in 2004-05?

2. How does this compare with 2003-04?

ANSWER

Persons Arrested or Summonsed for Driving Unlicensed and Unregistered Motor Vehicles

Financial Year	Apprehension	Drive Motor Vehicle while Unlicensed (733030)	Drive Unregistered Vehicle (since 2/5/04 -1 month or less) – TIN (pre 2/5/04 used regardless of vehicle registration expiry date) (751395)	Drive Unregistered Vehicle less than 12 months – TIN (used post 2/5/04) (751396)	Drive Unregistered Vehicle (used post 2/5/04) (751397)
2004-05	Arrests	969	73	49	186
	Summons	1214	34	25	275
	Total	**2183**	**107**	**74**	**461**
2003-04	Arrests	1122	Not limited to one month < 270	Did not exist 0	0
	Summons	1135	Not limited to one month < 203	Did not exist 0	Since 2 May only 7
	Total	**2257**	**473**	**0**	**7**

TIN = Traffic Infringement Notice

The data was extracted from IJIS as at 3 September 2005.

The Offence *Drive Unregistered Vehicle* (751397) has been used by police since 2 May 2004, and explains the large increase from 2003-04 (07) to 2004-05 (461).

Prior to 2 May 2004, an 'unregistered motor vehicle' offence was mainly dealt with by issuing a traffic infringement notice. Prior to the date the offence was not time limited as to 30 days or less as currently described. It covered the offence regardless of vehicle registration expiry date hence the large decrease from 2003-04 (473) to 2004-05 (107).

Since 2 May 2004, the police have dealt with the offence using one of two TINs (751395 for expiry <30 days & 751396 for expiry >30 days but less than 1 year) OR by direct summons or arrest (751397).

Offences 751395 and 751396 are persons proceeded against by *Arrest* or *Summons* after failure to pay a TIN for the offence(s). The shaded columns represent a sub-set of a larger population group of offenders within the offence set.

The counting methodology is based on the proceeding population as derived from the Integrated Justice Information System (IJIS) person identification number, case identification (case_id), and apprehension date. A proceeding represents a date on which a person is proceeded against by police. For example, a person proceeded against for multiple offences in one day is counted once, and a person proceeded against for multiple dates, is counted once on each of those dates.