

**Estimates Committee 2009**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

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Date: 16/06/2009 Output: Agency Specific  
Sub Output: Whole of Government

Subject: NTPFES - infringement notices - speeding

**From:** Mr Terry Mills to Chief Minister Paul Henderson  
Northern Territory Police Fire and Emergency Services

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**Question:** How many speeding tickets were received by NT Police in marked or unmarked cars which were not in response to an emergency situation?

**Answer:**  
Answered On: 06/07/2009

**Minister:** MINISTER HENDERSON - POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES  
**Portfolio:** MINISTER POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

**Question on Notice 3.10**

**Mr MILLS:**

How many speeding tickets were received by NT Police in marked or unmarked cars which were not in response to an emergency situation?

**Mr CHAIRMAN:**

**ANSWER:**

The number of NTPFES vehicles detected by speed camera during the period (1 July 08 – 31 May 09) was 128. Following a speed camera detection of an NTPFES vehicle exceeding the speed limit an investigation occurs to determine if the occurrence of exceeding the speed limit is allowed pursuant to Rule 305 or 306 of the Australian Road Rules. Where the occurrence is not allowed pursuant to the Australian Road Rules an infringement notice is issued.

| Command                            | Detections |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Greater Darwin                     | 56         |
| Crime & Specialist Support Command | 31         |
| Corporate Service                  | 12         |
| Operations                         | 11         |
| Fire Service                       | 8          |
| Human Resource Development         | 3          |
| Alice Springs & Southern           | 3          |
| Forensic                           | 2          |
| Katherine & Western                | 2          |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                 | <b>128</b> |

Of the 128 NTPFES vehicles detected speeding:

64 vehicles qualified for exemption under Rule 305 or 306 of the Australian Road Rules.  
 11 Infringements were issued to drivers (this figure includes sworn and unsworn staff).  
 25 are currently under investigation.  
 28 results are yet to be centrally recorded within the Traffic Camera Unit.

## AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULES

### PART 19 – EXEMPTIONS

#### 305 Exemption for drivers of police vehicles

- (1) A provision of the *Australian Road Rules* does not apply to the driver of a police vehicle if:
- (a) in the circumstances:
    - (i) the driver is taking reasonable care; and
    - (ii) it is reasonable that the provision should not apply; and
  - (b) if the vehicle is a motor vehicle that is moving – the vehicle is displaying a blue or red flashing light or sounding an alarm.

*Note* **Motor vehicle** and **police vehicle** are defined in the dictionary.

- (2) Subrule (1)(b) does not apply to the driver if, in the circumstances, it is reasonable:
- (a) not to display the light or sound the alarm; or
  - (b) for the vehicle not to be fitted or equipped with a blue or red flashing light or an alarm.

#### 306 Exemption for drivers of emergency vehicles

A provision of the *Australian Road Rules* does not apply to the driver of an emergency vehicle if:

- (a) in the circumstances:
  - (i) the driver is taking reasonable care; and
  - (ii) it is reasonable that the rule should not apply; and
- (b) if the vehicle is a motor vehicle that is moving – the vehicle is displaying a blue or red flashing light or sounding an alarm.