

Estimates Committee 2005 Questions Taken On Notice

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Minister for Police Fire and Emergency Services

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Question: Has "hoon" legislation been enacted as yet and, if so, how many prosecutions have been made under it?

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The Northern Territory Police Force, in conjunction with the Road Safety Division, commenced the 'Beat the Heat' initiative to encourage young drivers to stop the dangerous practice of illegal street racing on public streets, and encourage them to undertake this activity in a safe and controlled environment at organised motor racing events. The program is linked to both Road Safety and Crime Prevention Strategies and has proven popular with both young drivers and police.

Legislative amendments were recently enacted to the Traffic Act to introduce anti-social driving and 'hooning' legislation, and was modelled on Queensland's Anti-Hooning legislation. Legislation now gives police the opportunity to apply for seizure of vehicles where there is a pattern of recidivism. To this point no vehicles have been seized.