

ROAD TRAFFIC AMENDMENT (IMPOUNDING AND CONFISCATION OF VEHICLES) BILL 2016

**426. MR N.W. MORTON to the Minister for Police:**

Mr Speaker —

**Mr D.A. Templeman** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mandurah, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr F.M. Logan** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cockburn, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr N.W. MORTON:** Before if I ask my question —

**Ms R. Saffioti** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the first time. Member for Forrestfield.

**Mr N.W. MORTON:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I might finally get to acknowledge the students from my electorate. I start by acknowledging the fantastic students from Wattle Grove Primary School in my electorate with whom I was fortunate enough to have lunch today.

I know that today the minister introduced the Road Traffic Amendment (Impounding and Confiscation of Vehicles) Bill 2016. Could she please explain to the house the importance of this bill and how other law and election commitments are progressing, as it is a very important issue in my electorate?

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:**

I thank the member for Forrestfield for this question. I know the issue of hoons and illegal trail bike riding is of significant concern to the member and his constituency, along with a range of other members in this place. In fact, I receive complaints from the community at law and order forums and from members of Parliament about off-road trail bikes being used illegally on roads, and about hoons, on a regular basis. That is the reason that we made an election commitment in 2013 to deal with hoons in a more expeditious manner with more serious immediate consequences. That is why I am pleased to announce with the introduction of this legislation the part-way achievement of another Liberal–National government election commitment. What this bill will do is allow for the permanent confiscation of a vehicle that has been used for a first offence by a hoon if that offence is committed in an active school zone, which is an issue the member for Forrestfield has raised with me personally on behalf of his electorate. Also, it will allow for permanent confiscation of a vehicle on a first offence for a person caught driving a vehicle on a road at 90 kilometres or more above the posted speed limit, or if a hoon offence occurs in a 50 kilometre per hour built-up zone and results in damage to someone’s property or causes fear, alarm, harassment or distress to any witnesses of that offence or anyone impacted by it. It will also allow for confiscation on a second hoon offence if the offence occurs in a built-up zone and there has been a prior conviction in the previous five years for a hoon offence. We believe that this will work quite effectively because it basically takes away the pride and joy of these hoon offenders and the thing that they value most, which is their vehicle. We will take them away permanently if they transgress in the circumstances I have outlined. The bill also allows for police to confiscate a trail bike if they reasonably suspect that it has been used on a road and it is unlicensed. Most of these bikes are unlicensed and unregistered and are used by youths to tear up our suburban streets right across the state. People are sick of it. If police can identify that a trail bike has been used for that purpose or reasonably suspect that it has been used for that purpose, they can permanently confiscate that trail bike—get it off the road; get it out of action. We have been very active in achieving those election commitments that I have made—three strikes, tough on home burglary legislation, mandatory penalties, minimum penalties for violent home invaders, graffiti legislation —

**Mr J.R. Quigley** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Sit down. Member for Butler, I call you to order for the second time. Minister, 30 seconds.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** — covert hoon cameras, and 550 police and police auxiliary officers in addition to the 500 from 2008. We are well on track to achieving our commitments because the Liberal–National government takes community safety and law and order issues very seriously indeed.