

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Wednesday, 17 October 2018

1705. Hon. Martin Aldridge MLC to the Minister for the Environment representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety:

I refer to the Regional Enforcement Unit of the Western Australia Police, and I ask:

- (a) what measures are used to determine the effectiveness of the unit;
- (b) what data is collected by the unit to assess performance or tasks performed i.e. traffic interceptions, infringements issued, incidents attended etc.;
- (c) will the Minister please provide data identified in (b), per month, since establishment of the unit;
- (d) what data is collected by the unit to record the operating location of the unit i.e. patrol routes or local government presence; and
- (e) will the Minister please provide data identified in (d), per month, since establishment of the unit that would establish the regional penetration of the unit?

Answer

(a)-(e) The Western Australian Police Force advise that the Regional Enforcement Unit (REU) patrol locations include those arterial and secondary road networks based on fatal and critical injury crash data within the South-West, Mid-West Gascoyne, Great Southern and Wheatbelt Regions. The two measures are used to determine the effectiveness of the Regional Enforcement Unit (REU) are the contribution towards the Western Australia Police Force Random Breath Testing target of 1 725 000 for the 2018/19 financial year, the contribution towards the WA Police Force Roadside Oral Fluid Testing target of 40000 tests for the 2018/19 financial year. However, given the large distances and relatively sparse roads (compared to the metropolitan area) covered by the REU, an important outcome is the unit's contribution to a visible police presence on regional roads. Further, the unit contributes towards the number of Category A contacts made by police, including:

- driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.
- careless/dangerous/reckless driving.
- non-speed camera speeding offences.
- no authority to drive
- use of mobile phones whilst driving.
- non-wearing of seatbelts/restraints/helmets.

The output per month since the establishment of the unit is as follows:

	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jul 18	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18
CAT A	265	421	551	645	707	602	722	980	872	756
RBT	2184	4910	3331	1254	1031	2021	1471	3041	2611	3221
RDT	0	0	0	0	0	0	282	318	179	219

Please note the data in this table is indicative of REU enforcement effort. Business Intelligence Analytics are unable to discern REU enforcement outputs from the whole contribution of State Traffic. Roadside Drug Test numbers recorded for current Financial Year only as REU was created after the 2017/18 Financial Year allocation. The WA Police Force is unable to provide a breakdown of the locations within which each type of enforcement activity is carried out. However, the attached roster is an example of REU patrol deployments across all patrol regions over one fortnight. [See Tabled Paper]

Tabled paper Legislative Council question on notice 1705

	HIGHWAY							HIGHWAY						
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
HIGHWAY PATROL 1-INDIAN CREEK RD		REU			REU				REU			REU		
HIGHWAY PATROL 3-GRT EASTERN HWY				REU							REU			
HIGHWAY PATROL 4-ALBANY HWY	REU				REU			REU				REU		
HIGHWAY PATROL 5-INDIAN CREEK RD			REU							REU				
HIGHWAY PATROL 7-5TH WEST /BUSSELL HWY	REU						REU	REU						REU
HIGHWAY PATROL 8-BROOKTON/ GRT 5THRN HWY				REU		REU					REU		REU	
HIGHWAY PATROL 3-BRAND HWY			REU							REU				
HIGHWAY PATROL 8-5TH WEST /FORREST/BUSSELL					REU		REU					REU		REU
HIGHWAY PATROL 9-5TH WEST HWY		REU		REU					REU		REU			
HIGHWAY PATROL 6- GRT EASTERN/ GRT 5TH HWY						REU							REU	