

Question on Notice
No. 93
Asked on 25 February 2021

MR D LAST ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) whether the Queensland Police Service is currently utilising technology that is able to calculate the speed of a vehicle from an aerial platform (helicopter or drone) and (b) if so, (i) when the technology was first used, (ii) how many drivers have been prosecuted using this technology and (iii) what areas of Queensland this technology is used in?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that video systems on helicopters have been used by the QPS to calculate speeds of specific vehicles and assist in the prosecution of offenders. I am further advised that the number of prosecutions that have used such evidence is not recorded by the QPS.

In addition, the QPS has advised that high technology cameras and zoom lenses for use in covert detection and enforcement activities in various parts of Queensland are deployed to assist in the prosecution of hooning offences and enhance road safety.