

ROAD RULES — LANE SPLITTING BY MOTORCYCLISTS

5717. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) Under what circumstances is lane splitting by motorcycles illegal?
- (2) Which Act and regulation apply?
- (3) What is the penalty?
- (4) How many motorcyclists have been charged successfully with this offence in,
 - (a) 2005;
 - (b) 2006; and
 - (c) so far in 2007?
- (5) How many warnings have been handed out by Police for this offence in each of these periods?

Hon JON FORD replied:

- (1) Lane splitting by motorcycles is not illegal within the state of Western Australia. The Australian Road Rules Management Group is currently reviewing this matter.
Police usually detect motorcyclists committing other offences when performing lane splitting activities. These offences include failing to indicate and crossing the continuous white line on approach to intersections, however data specific to motorcycles is unavailable for these offences.
- (2)-(5) Not applicable