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Dear

Oral Assembly Questions - 10th May 2006.

At the above plenary session I undertook to write to you with information on the number of vehicles engaged in illegal 'offroading' activity which had been seized by the Police Authorities utilising powers under the Police Reform Act 2002.

The powers in the Act allow police officers to issue warnings to riders and to confiscate motor vehicles being misused "off-road". I understand the four Police Forces in Wales introduced these powers at different times over a 12 - 18 month period from January 2003.

Below are the figures which the Police Authorities have supplied in respect of all 'off-road' vehicle seizures made to date in Wales :

Dyfed Powys Police - 3 vehicles seized (11 drivers warned)
Gwent Police – 18 vehicles seized (no details of warnings available)
North Wales Police – 16 vehicles seized (no details of warnings available)
South Wales Police – 34 vehicles seized (no details of warnings available).

I think these figures show clearly that the Police are using their powers to help tackle this problem issue. As you know I have also encouraged them to work with the local authorities and Community Safety Partnerships to adopt other practical measures as well so that further progress can be made.

Yours sincerely

Carwyn Jones AM