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The Honourable William (Bill) Byrne MP
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Dear Minister

The Brisbane CBD Bicycle User Group was one of the key stakeholders in the Queensland Parliamentary Inquiry into Cycling Issues of 2013, which resulted in a number of changes to laws concerning cycling.

We have previously corresponded with your office concerning the lack of enforcement by the Queensland Police Service of the minimum distance passing laws (s144A). The end of the two-year trial of this law is approaching and the same law will take effect in NSW from 1 March 2016, with a similar "quid pro quo" approach of considerably increased penalties for people riding bikes. We have been receiving some inquiries concerning the enforcement of the laws in Queensland and the NSW trial.

In order to assist with these inquiries, could you please provide statistics for Queensland-wide penalties issued for the following offences, for the periods 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013, 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014, 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015, and 1 April 2015 to 31 December 2015.

1. speeding (s20). Please provide a split for bicycles, for motor vehicles, and for motor vehicles in school zones.
2. stop signs (s67, s68). Please provide a split for bicycles and for motor vehicles. Note fine for bicycles increased from 1 unit to 3 units as of 7 April 2014.¹
3. bike boxes (s60A). A 3 unit offence.
4. driving in bike lanes (s153). A 2/5 unit offence.
5. fail keep left (s129). Please provide a split for bicycles and motor vehicles. Fine for bicycles increased from 2/5 to 4/5 units as of 7 April 2014.
6. minimum distance passing (s144A). New as of 7 April 2014. Please provide a split into police detected offences and offences detected as a result of rider video provided. 3 unit offence.
7. bicycle helmet (s256(1)). 1 unit offence.
8. bicycle brake and bell (s258) – Fine increased from 2/5 unit to 1 unit as of 7 April 2014. If possible please provide a split into (a) brake and (b) bell.

I look forward to your response concerning these issues.

Yours faithfully

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¹ https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/REPEALED/S/StatePenEnfR00_140407.pdf