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Police checks on motor vehicles

Minister for Finance Ron Nobbs has reminded the community of the requirements in law for vehicles to be properly registered and to display numberplates which meet certain conditions.

Mr Nobbs said that Norfolk Island Police had recently begun a campaign of random checks of motor vehicles to ensure that they were registered, in roadworthy condition and displaying registration stickers and numberplates as required.

The Minister said that during checks on Thursday 16 February, police had examined 217 vehicles and found that 27 were not displaying registration labels. Seven vehicles had been found to be unregistered and a further two were issued with defect notices.

Motorists were reminded that vehicle registration stickers must be displayed at all times. Mr Nobbs said that the *Road Traffic Act 1982* also provided that numberplates with black numbers on a yellow background must be displayed at the front and rear of vehicles or as otherwise specified.

Mr Nobbs said that while the police campaigns so far had been largely advisory, motorists should be aware that there were penalties for driving unregistered vehicles and for failing to display proper numberplates or registration stickers.

Ron Nobbs
Minister for Finance

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