



States of Jersey Police

REPORT

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Subject: Lion SL500B Roadside Breath Testing Device

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Report for the Minister for Home Affairs

Lion SL500B Roadside Breath Testing Device

Background

The States of Jersey Police currently use the Lion SL400 and SL500 breath testing devices for taking specimens of breath for a roadside breath test where it is thought that a person may have been driving or attempting to drive with excess alcohol in their body.

The SL500 replaced the SL400 and both devices have been in operation for a number of years continuing to function well; the SL500 however has now been updated to the SL500B which will ultimately replace both devices.

Legislation

Article 29(1) of the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956 states:

Where a police officer has reasonable cause to suspect—

- (a) that a person driving or attempting to drive or in charge of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place has alcohol in his or her body or has committed a traffic offence whilst the vehicle was in motion;
- (b) that a person has been driving or attempting to drive or been in charge of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place with alcohol in his or her body and that that person still has alcohol in his or her body; or
- (c) that a person has been driving or attempting to drive or been in charge of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place and has committed a traffic offence whilst the vehicle was in motion,

the police officer may, subject to Article 32, require the person to provide a specimen of breath for a breath test.

“Breath test” is defined in Article 1 of the Law, the interpretation as follows:

“breath test” means a preliminary test for the purpose of obtaining, by means of a device of a type approved by the Minister for Home Affairs, an indication whether the proportion of alcohol in a person’s breath or blood is likely to exceed the prescribed limit;

Current issue

The States of Jersey Police would like to introduce the Lion SL500B Roadside Testing device to be used alongside the SL500 and SL400 devices, ultimately with a view to replacing them. The SL500B is an updated version of the SL500 and will be able to be carried by officers on the beat, cycle officers and mobile patrol officers. The cost of the phased introduction of the SL500B will be met from existing budgets. The SL500B modification from the SL500 allows for the recording of statistics as follows:

- Type of test (Road, train or Marine)
- Reason for test (Collision, Offence or Suspicion)
- Age of Subject
- Gender of suspect

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Minister approves the Lion SL500B as an approved device for the purpose of the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956.



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