



States of Jersey Police

REPORT

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Subject: Lion SL700 Roadside Breath Testing Device

Report for the Minister for Home Affairs - Lion SL700 Roadside Breath Testing Device

Background

The States of Jersey Police currently use the Lion SL500B 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 SL500B has been in operation for several years and continues to function well; the SL500B however has now been updated to the SL700 which will ultimately replace the older device.

There are no procedural or data changes with the new device.

The cost of the phased introduction of the SL700 will be met from existing budgets.

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;

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Minister approves the Lion SL700 as an approved device for the purpose of the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956.

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