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OPPOSITION SHOULD STOP PLAYING GAMES

Police Minister Chris Burns said the Opposition should stop playing games in relation to the serious issue of drink driving and random breath testing.

"The 2006 Police, Fire and Emergency Services annual report clearly states that 53 017 random breath tests were conducted in the 2005-06 financial year, not 80 000 as stated by the Opposition's Fay Miller and Terry Mills," Dr Burns said.

"It's hard to say whether they are being deliberately mischievous, or simply can't understand what is in the relevant reports."

Dr Burns said Police aimed to increase the number of annual random breath tests to 60 000 in the 2006-07 financial year.

"Police will be assisted in meeting their targets by the re-establishment of the Traffic Branch, 15 years after it was scrapped by the previous CLP government," Dr Burns said.

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