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100 drivers caught under influence of drugs

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Nearly 100 drivers in NSW have tested positive to illegal drugs this year, with the majority having amphetamines in their system, the NSW Government says.

Police Minister David Campbell said police had conducted 10,379 drug tests since testing began in January 2007, with 272 people returning positive results.

This year 94 drivers had already been caught driving under the influence of drugs, he said.

Mr Campbell said about half of those testing positive had amphetamines in their system, while the rest tested positive to cannabis or a mixture of both drugs.

"Those who get behind the wheel after taking illicit drugs are a ticking time bomb on our roads and that is why police are using the latest technology to catch them," he said.

Drivers who test positive to illicit drugs can be charged with the new offences of driving with the presence of an illicit drug or driving under the influence of drugs.

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