



Speech by

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Road Safety

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs) (10.15 am): Nothing speaks more of the need and nothing speaks more of our determination to boost road safety than the road toll. As of this morning, the Queensland road toll stands at 60—seven above where it was at the same time last year but 31 lower than at the same time in 2009. Statistics like this are why the government welcomes the Economic Development Committee's report into the road safety benefits of fixed speed cameras. Today I table the government's response.

Tabled paper: Queensland government response to the Economic Development Committee Report No. 4, October 2010—Inquiry into the road safety benefits of fixed speed cameras [\[4246\]](#).

I note the committee was supportive of the fixed speed camera program and note that speed remains a significant road safety issue. The committee made 15 recommendations. Of those, the government is fully supporting 10 recommendations and partially supporting one recommendation. Four recommendations are not supported.

Those that will be fully supported include investigating using non-sworn officers in the mobile speed camera program to free up police hours; providing more information on fixed speed camera site locations, reason for the site placements and information on data collection, usage and storage on a web page and providing a link to this information on speed camera infringement notices; providing clearer information to local government bodies on the criteria for selecting speed camera sites and consulting more to leverage local knowledge to inform decisions on site selection.

I am pleased to inform the House that we are already taking action on some of these recommendations. Locations of fixed speed cameras and crash statistics that justify them are already available online, and we have already updated infringement notices to provide a link to information on the internet.

The greatest reward for driving safely on the road is staying alive. The greatest reward anyone can ever expect from driving safely on our roads is protecting themselves, their families, their friends and their fellow drivers. Irrespective of that, the government will investigate a rewards program targeting young drivers. The review will consider if a cost-effective scheme can be developed and implemented that results in fewer speed related crashes.

We will work harder than ever before on road safety education. We will soon roll out our Easter road safety campaign in an effort to drive the road toll down. I believe Queenslanders should be proud of this program. It is an important part of the many safety initiatives that are helping save lives on our roads.