



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR KALLANGUR**

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**TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**Report, Motion to Take Note**

 **Mr KING** (Kallangur—ALP) (11.38 am): I move—

That the House take note of report No. 19, *Road safety—traffic cameras*, of the Transportation and Utilities Committee tabled on 22 June 2016.

Report No. 19 presented a summary of the Transportation and Utilities Committee's examination of the Auditor-General's report to parliament No. 2 for 2015-16 titled *Road safety—traffic cameras*.

The committee considered the Auditor-General's findings into the effectiveness and implementation of the Queensland government's Camera Detected Offence Program—CDOP—in terms of road safety outcomes. The committee received a public briefing from CARRS-Q, the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

There are a few issues raised in the report which definitely deserve a mention in this place. The Auditor-General's report noted that the results from the Department of Transport and Main Roads speed surveys show some improvements in driver behaviour and that from May 2010 to May 2014 in four of the five speed limit categories the average speed of drivers was less than the speed limit and that since 2012-13 the number of motorists in the high speeding brackets, which is more than 13 kilometres per hour over the limit, has started to reduce. For mobile cameras, research shows the use of covert vehicles is more effective than overt. That seems pretty obvious. If drivers know they can be fined for speeding anywhere at any time they are likely to modify their speeding behaviour overall, not just in specific localities. However, even though the Auditor-General's report advised that a high percentage of covert deployment tends to deter speeding, the Queensland Police Service are not using covert deployment to its full potential despite having government approval to increase the hours of usage because, in part, the Queensland Police Service wants to avoid perceptions of revenue raising.

The main discussions the committee had during the public hearing were around unclear numberplates, unregistered vehicles and unlicensed drivers. In relation to the issue of unclear plates, the Auditor-General report recommended that the QPS and DTMR identify and quantify the cause of unclear plates and address enforcement and design issues affecting the ability to issue infringements. The Queensland Police Service advised that significant achievements are being realised as obsolete film based road safety traffic cameras are being replaced, and it will work with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and key stakeholders to review the design characteristics and installation of registration plates. The Queensland Police Service stated it would also support the Department of Transport and Main Roads in the review of current legislation and sanctions in respect to the fitting and display of plates. I will let the member for Southport provide more depth around unregistered vehicles and unlicensed drivers, as that was his line of questioning during the public hearing and he has a particular interest in that matter.

The committee noted that the Department of Transport Main Roads and the Queensland police agreed with all eight of the report recommendations and are progressing implementation. However, as I discussed, we did note our concern about the disparity between the number of offences detected by the Camera Detected Offence Program and the number of offences that cannot be proceeded with due to various factors, including, as I have mentioned, unclear numberplates, unregistered vehicles and unlicensed drivers.

The committee has noted Queensland Police Service advice that there are a number of technological innovations coming online or already delivered which will significantly improve the ability to identify, target and track repeat offender and high-risk people and I look forward to seeing these methods come into play because, after all, we all want our roads to be safer and our police and transport officers to be able to perform their roles as smoothly as possible.