

## Question on Notice

No. 246

Asked on 28 April 2004

MRS PRATT asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to the installation of fixed speed cameras-

- (1) Will he confirm that fixed speed cameras are to be installed; if so, will he confirm the number to be installed State-wide and if they will be the same system used in Victoria?
- (2) Will speed cameras be operated by police, Queensland Transport staff or private companies in the future?
- (3) How many speed cameras will be in regional areas?
- (4) How accurate are these speed cameras and what testing has been done to ensure their accuracy?
- (5) What legal protection will be offered to motorists who disagree with a reading from a fixed camera?

### ANSWER:

I thank Mrs Pratt for this question and her interest in road safety.

- (1) Queensland Transport and the Queensland Police Service are currently investigating the use of various enforcement technologies including fixed speed cameras. This work seeks to identify opportunities where new technologies could contribute to achieving better road safety outcomes. No decision has been made regarding the introduction of fixed speed cameras in Queensland. This will be dependent upon the outcomes of the investigation.
- (2) The speed camera program is an essential part of Queensland's road safety program. Queensland Transport and the Queensland Police Service are committed to operating and managing the speed camera program in the most effective and efficient manner and as such, are continually exploring all possible management options for the administration of the program.
- (3) If implemented, the selection of sites for new technologies such as fixed speed cameras will be governed by guidelines based primarily on crash statistics and will be deployed in a manner that complements the existing speed management program.
- (4) Speed detection devices currently used by the Queensland Police Service are regularly tested and verified to ensure their accuracy and their compliance with national standards. These processes would be followed for the introduction of any new equipment, if approved.
- (5) There are already processes in place which allow motorists to challenge any infringement notices issued to them. The operational management of the speed camera program including the issuing of infringement notices and waiving of any notices if required, is the responsibility of the Queensland Police Service and is therefore not under my portfolio responsibilities.