

Question on Notice
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MR FRASER asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

What procedural checks and safeguards are in place to ensure the accuracy of readings from hand held radars and speed cameras used by the Queensland Police Service?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Police Service uses a variety of speed detection devices within the Speed Management Program including Speed Camera Units, Mobile Radar and hand held laser speed detection devices.

In line with this program, the Service employs rigorous quality assurance procedures to ensure that the accuracy and operations of speed detection devices used preserves the program's integrity.

A Calibration Laboratory within the Service carries out annual calibration checks on all speed detection equipment to ensure that each device is producing accurate results within Australian Standards and manufacturer's tolerances. The Calibration Laboratory has National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accreditation.

Operators must also ensure that prior to using a speed detection device, the device is sealed in compliance with the relevant Australian Standard and is currently certified as tested and accuracy calibrated.

Before the commencement of every speed detection deployment, speed detection equipment is set up in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and guidelines.

The Speed Camera equipment is tested and operated in compliance with Section 210 of the *Traffic Regulation 1962* and Australian Standard 2898-2003 - Radar Speed Detection and must be found to be producing accurate results before a deployment will commence. The testing of the camera's results before, during and after the speed camera deployment are recorded within the deployment's documentation and on the photographic film of the event.

The laser speed detection equipment is tested and operated in compliance with Australian Standard 4691-2003 - Laser-Based Speed Detection Devices and must be found to be producing accurate results before and after being deployed.

Speed detection operators are extensively trained in the operation and deployment of speed detection equipment, and procedures ensure that the operators, for accuracy purposes, correctly set up and operate the equipment in accordance with legislation, Australian Standards, manufacturer's instructions and Queensland Police Service policy, procedures and training.