

Question on Notice

No. 284

Asked on 10 March 2005

MISS SIMPSON asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION:

(1) What is the total level of State revenue collected from speed camera infringements for each month for the last 24 months (reported separately for each month)?

(2) Will he provide a breakdown of how this collected revenue has been expended for each of the last two financial years and for the year to date (reported separately for each year)?

ANSWER:

I thank Miss Simpson for this question and her interest in road safety.

(1) Camera detected offence revenue comprises fines collected from speed camera and red light camera detected infringements. As per the guidelines introduced by the former Borbidge/Sheldon Government of which you were a serving member, when introducing camera detection offences, fines that are paid within the normal period are collected by Queensland Transport. Fines that are unpaid are transferred to the Department of Justice – State Penalties Enforcement Registry for follow up action. The revenue from these infringements is collected by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

The total revenue collected by Queensland Transport for speed camera infringements in the last 24 months is as follows:

Year	Month	\$*	Year	Month	\$*
2003	January	1,812,335	2004	January	2,410,364
	February	2,478,355		February	2,373,309
	March	2,277,035		March	2,612,284
	April	2,242,700		April	2,233,921
	May	2,273,988		May	2,195,830
	June	2,345,158		June	2,398,375
	July	2,964,625		July	2,113,444
	August	2,763,943		August	2,388,368
	September	2,779,284		September	2,199,856
	October	2,854,580		October	2,182,383
	November	2,806,677		November	2,264,551
	December	2,878,072		December	2,018,696

* Note: figures are rounded to the nearest dollar

(2) The distribution of revenue from camera detected offences is restricted in terms of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* which states that: "All money collected for penalties imposed for camera detected offences in excess of the administrative costs of collection must be used for the following purposes -

- (a) road safety education and awareness programs;
- (b) road accident injury rehabilitation programs;
- (c) road funding to improve the safety of the sections of State-controlled roads where accidents most frequently happen.

On the 13th of March this year, the Premier and I announced that the Beattie Government will pump fines from speed and red light cameras directly into fixing black spots on Queensland-controlled roads.

This decision guarantees that millions of dollars in fines from speeding and red light-running drivers will be directed into black spots.

This life-saving initiative has the potential to prevent five deaths on our roads every year and significantly reduce serious injuries.

In the 2004-05 year \$17 million from speed and red light cameras will be used to remove black spots from our roads.

Funds will now go straight from the wallets of reckless drivers into saving lives.

The revenue will fund improvements such as traffic signals, new passing lanes, safety barriers, extra rest stops and better road markings.

The funds will be a major boost to the anti-black spots program, Safer Roads Sooner, which is now worth \$130 million over five years (the Beattie Government increased the program by \$80 million in November 2004).

The RACQ has been a strong supporter of using revenue from speed and red light cameras to fund improvements at accident black spots.

The total camera detected offence revenue was allocated as follows:

Area of allocation	2002- 2003 %	2003- 2004 %	2004- 2005 %
Queensland Transport – Administrative and Operational Costs	14.13	13.17	11.97
Queensland Police Service – Administrative and Operational Costs	30.29	35.53	33.69
Department of Justice and Attorney-General – Administrative and Operational Costs	3.75	3.71	4.17
Excess Revenue – Road Safety Education and Awareness Programs			
▪ Queensland Transport	35.79	36.37	
▪ Queensland Police Service	5.09	1.83	1.74
Excess Revenue – Road Accident Injury			

Rehabilitation Programs			
▪ Queensland Health – Blood Bank	10.95	9.39	9.22
Excess Revenue – Improve the safety of the sections of State-controlled roads			
▪ Main Roads			39.21