

Question on Notice
No. 285
Asked on 10 March 2005

MR JOHNSON asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

Will she provide a breakdown for each of the last 24 months (reported separately for each month) of (a) the total hours of operation police officers have spent undertaking speed enforcement using speed cameras and (b) the total number of notices issued for speed camera infringements?

ANSWER:

Police are at the frontline in the campaign to improve road safety, and the proactive initiatives they undertake have been working, contributing to the fall in the road toll - from 456 deaths in 1995 to 310 in 2003.

When the number of registered vehicles on our roads is taken into account, the reduction is even more significant – from one death per 5470 vehicles in 1995 to one death per 10,254 vehicles in 2003.

Speed continues to be a significant contributing factor to road fatalities. Of the 310 road deaths in 2003, 48 were directly attributed to excessive speed.

As a government, we make no apology for targeting speeding motorists in a bid to slow them down and save lives.

Previous claims that issuing speeding motorists with infringement notices is revenue raising are simply not correct.

As can be seen from the tables below, the targeting of speeding motorists in a bid to slow them down through technology such as speed cameras is working.

Police would certainly be more than happy if people stopped speeding and no fines were issued as this would mean police, medical doctors and all hospital staff would not have to deal with the human carnage from road accidents involving speeding motorists.

YEAR: 2004

Month	Speed Camera operation hours	Number of notices issued
January	6055	22087
February	5703	22069
March	6245	22394
April	6123	22874
May	5849	21219
June	5785	20462
July	5643	20825
August	5702	21989
September	5626	20784
October	5429	21435
November	5542	18496
December	5755	20358
2004 TOTAL	69,457	254,992

YEAR: 2003

Month	Speed Camera operation hours	Number of notices issued
January	6079	29998
February	5296	21176
March	6210	29690
April	7013	27725
May	6221	23742
June	6429	31231
July	5691	24624
August	6047	24538
September	5877	27687
October	6219	28217
November	5728	26997
December	6178	26300
2003 TOTAL	72,988	321,925