

**Question on Notice
No. 115
Asked on 8 March 2011**

Member for Bulimba, Ms Dianne Farmer MP asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide details of the process undertaken to assess the viability of installing red-light cameras at particular points on the road network?

ANSWER:

Red light camera sites are selected on the basis of a combination of criteria, including crash history, physical constraints, and geographical distribution. This data analysis is undertaken by the Department of Transport and Main Roads and provided to the Queensland Police Service (QPS).

The analysis is conducted using the most up to date crash data for the preceding five years. Intersections with the greatest frequency of crashes involving motorists disobeying traffic lights are considered for a red light camera. Candidate sites are then ranked according to the number of crashes and their severity.

The highest ranked sites are then assessed by the QPS for consideration of installing cameras.

Red light cameras form an integral part of the QPS road safety strategy and are designed to keep Queenslanders safe. They do this by apprehending those offenders who do break the law and by deterring motorists from driving dangerously at these frequent crash sites.

Queensland's approach to red light camera site selection based on crash history is consistent with other Australian jurisdictions including New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

I am pleased to advise the Bligh Government's concerted efforts to reduce Queensland's road toll and associated trauma are working.

In 2010, Queensland's road toll was 249 fatalities or 5.51 deaths per 100,000 population, which is 82 fatalities (or 24.8%) fewer than the previous year and 88 fatalities (or 26.1%) fewer than the previous five year average.

The fatality rate of 5.51 deaths per 100,000 population recorded in 2010 is the lowest fatality rate for a calendar year in Queensland since accurate records began in 1952.

The message to motorists is clear – slow down and obey traffic signals, or you will be caught.