

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1181**

**Asked on 10 October 2023**

**MR S ANDREW** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON M BAILEY)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to recent figures, showing a 16.8 per cent increase in fatal crashes (against the five year average)—

Will the Minister advise (a) what independent research has the department obtained to substantiate its claim that the Camera Detected Offence Program (CDOP) is reducing road deaths in Queensland, (b) what proportion of the \$465.8m in revenue garnered from CDOP last year, was reinvested back into actual road upgrades and/or road maintenance and (c) what proportion of these funds was sunk into administration costs and digital/smart infrastructure programs, including the acquisition of more camera equipment?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Mirani for the question.

Independent evaluations of the Camera Detected Offence Program (CDOP) consistently demonstrate that it saves lives, injuries and costs to the community. The Monash University Accident Research Centre's most recent evaluation found that, in 2021, CDOP saved 1191 casualty crashes—of which 621 were fatal or serious injury crashes—with over 90 per cent of these savings due to the general deterrence achieved through mobile speed cameras.

Previous annual reviews of CDOP's life-saving performance have consistently found that it saves lives and injuries in Queensland by reducing road crashes.

In 2022–23, an amount of \$238.8 million was invested in road safety improvements with an additional \$78 million invested in road safety education and campaigns. The program cost \$117.5 million to administer including, but not limited to, equipment, maintenance, training.

The quoted CDOP revenue figure of \$465.8 million is incorrect and the Member appears to be using a forecast budgeted amount.