

SPEED CAMERAS, REVENUE RAISED

2715. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer the Minister to the answer to question on notice No. 2367, asked 16 December 2003, and ask -

- (a) without the statistics showing the relationship between speeding vehicles passing through 'speed camera' checks, how can the Minister justify the position that 'speed cameras' are not revenue raising;
- (b) when the Minister justifies 'speed cameras' with statements in the terms of, 'statistics show', what statistics has the Minister been referring to; and
- (c) is the Minister relying on information supplied from agencies that rely, either wholly or partly, on revenue raised from speed camera fines?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

- (a) The Police Service advise statistics from 1992 to 2003 demonstrate a significant change in driver behaviour proving the success of speed cameras.

	Total Vehicles Speed Checked by Cameras	Number of Vehicles Over the Speed Limit	Percentage of Vehicles Over the Speed Limit
1992	1,920,709	1,191,172	62.20 %
1993	2,076,988	1,078,446	51.92 %
1994	3,053,698	1,248,619	40.89 %
1995	6,279,314	2,141,972	34.11 %
1996	9,183,396	2,551,785	30.69 %
1997	11,221,126	2,877,921	25.65 %
1998	14,977,344	3,291,089	21.97 %
1999	19,427,074	4,047,873	20.84 %
2000	19,059,566	3,668,755	19.25 %
2001	18,826,160	3,843,552	20.42 %
2002	19,489,762	3,221,010	16.53 %
2003	20,435,584	3,265,324	15.98 %

Source: Western Australia Police Service

The Western Australia Police Service makes camera locations available to all media outlets and on the Police website. The selection of locations is based on road safety outcomes.

- (b) Speed camera enforcement statistics are obtained from the Police Camera Section, Traffic Support Division of the Western Australia Police Service. Furthermore, there are volumes of world wide road safety research evidence that show that speed cameras are one of the most effective public health tools available to help reduce the amount of harm and serious injury occurring.
- (c) No. There is International and Australian evidence that speed cameras are an effective public health intervention.