

HOON DRIVERS — COVERT CAMERAS

Statement by Member for Forrestfield

MR N.W. MORTON (Forrestfield) [12.52 pm]: Undoubtedly, hoons would be one of the most common complaints I get through my electorate office from my local community. Often it is the case that residents will hear or see a hooning incident but they are unable to get the registration details to report to the police. Therefore, having covert hoon cameras that can be deployed in known hooning hotspots will enable Western Australia Police to catch these irresponsible road users in the act and to prosecute them to ensure that there are fewer and fewer of these kinds of incidents within the community.

To that end, the Minister for Police, Hon Liza Harvey, MLA, recently visited my electorate to meet with residents about the deployment of covert hoon cameras in known hoon hotspots. I thank the minister for taking an active interest in the safety of my local community. Residents in and around Maida Vale Road had complained to me about the hoons along that road, so it was good to be able to bring the minister out so that she could talk directly with those residents and explain that this Liberal–National government was rolling out covert hoon cameras.

I also thank local resident Emma Lister for raising this issue with me and for letting the local community know that the minister would be attending. Already we have had feedback from that area that police have been actively targeting hoons. To that end, I also thank WA Police for ensuring that my local community is a safer place for all road users.

I finish by commending the introduction of covert hoon cameras and I look forward to hearing about their effective use in tackling this important issue.