

SWAN HILLS SCHOOLS — ELECTRONIC SPEED ZONE SIGNS

Statement by Member for Swan Hills

MR F.A. ALBAN (Swan Hills) [12.22 pm]: As the member for Swan Hills, and as a father with a daughter of school age, I have been keenly interested in the state government's commitment to electronic speed zone signs at schools, which play an important part in community safety. For those who are unfamiliar with my electorate, a significant portion of the Swan Hills electorate is in the rural hills communities, and it is sometimes a battle to ensure these many small communities receive the amenities that our metropolitan counterparts so often take for granted. Just prior to the parliamentary recess, three electronic school zone signs were installed within my electorate at Herne Hill Primary School, Chidlow Primary School and Silver Tree Steiner School located in Parkerville. These installations are extremely effective in communicating timed speed limitations to drivers and they help to ensure that our children are at less risk during the busiest parts of the school day. These three sites, along with 60 others across our state, were selected for this round because these locations experience the greatest potential hazards. I have advocated for these zones for some time now, among other local efforts.

I commend the state government and the Minister for Transport, Hon Dean Nalder, and indeed his predecessor, the member for Vasse, on the commitment to our children's safety and the excellent use of funds from the WA road trauma trust account.