

RED LIGHT AND SPEED CAMERA FINES, REVENUE

436. Mr OMODEI to the minister assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

I refer the minister to Labor's promise made in October last year, which states, "Every dollar of revenue raised from speed and red light camera fines will be spent on road safety initiatives under a Gallop Labor Government."

- (1) Will the minister inform the House how much revenue has been raised through red light and speed camera fines since the Government took office?
- (2) Given that only one-third of this revenue has been allocated to the road trauma trust fund, will the minister inform the House which road safety initiatives the Government has funded with the remaining money raised in that period?

Mrs ROBERTS replied:

- (1)-(2) One has to wonder in amazement at either the complete gall or the complete stupidity of the member opposite to even bother asking the question. Members sitting opposite are the remnant of the former Government that took Western Australia from having the best road safety record in Australia to having the worst road safety record of any State. Some members opposite were part of the select committee that recommended all money raised from speed camera fines be spent on road safety. What did they do? They sat on their hands for years. Even in the context of the last election they still refused to say that they would put all the money derived from Multanovas into road safety. By comparison, in just a few short months, the Government has progressed graduated driver training and trialled reducing the speed limits on roads around schools in 40 kilometres an hour zones. The Government has banned hand-held mobile phones. That is something I proposed years ago when I was in opposition. The former Government took no action. This Government has taken the very bold step of reducing the speed on local roads to 50 kilometres an hour. It is an initiative that the Government anticipates will save 50 lives over the next 10 years. The State has already had 20 fewer fatalities this year compared with the same time last year. I can only repeat that 100 per cent of revenue from red light cameras and Multanovas is being put into road safety. One-third of that revenue goes to the road trauma trust fund and the remaining two-thirds will be accounted for in this House, line by line and item by item. In a tight economic environment, the Government has trebled the funding for road safety. The Opposition has nothing but egg on its face.