

MELVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL — ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

**565. Hon LINDA SAVAGE to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to a letter sent by the member for Willagee to the minister about the safety of students at Melville Primary School, after a student was nearly run over by a car speeding through the intersection of Marmion Street and Rome Road.

- (1) Will the minister confirm that Melville Primary School is listed number 54 out of 56 schools waiting to receive flashing station lights?
- (2) How many station lights are installed each year?
- (3) How long will Melville Primary School have to wait to have these lights installed to address safety concerns at this intersection?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) I have received a number of approaches from members of the Melville Primary School community, as well as from the member for Willagee, about an incident on 4 May 2010, in which a student was nearly hit while crossing the intersection of Marmion Street and Rome Road. Witnesses to the incident claim that a motorist on Marmion Street ignored a red traffic signal. It should be noted that the location where this incident occurred is outside the 40-kilometre-an-hour school zone adjacent to the school in Marmion Street. Following these approaches, I personally contacted the principal of the school to arrange a site meeting with the principal and representatives of the school community, Main Roads WA, and my office to discuss safety issues around the school. As a result of this meeting, Main Roads arranged to undertake a video speed survey and safety review of the area to identify any areas for improvement. The outcomes of the review will be known shortly and will be discussed further with the school. The outcomes will also assist in determining the timing for the installation of electronic school zone signs for this location relative to other sites.
- (2) To date, 21 locations have had electronic school zone signs installed. At this stage it is anticipated that a further eight installations will be undertaken in 2010–11. However, this program is being reviewed with the aim of delivering a greater number of installations.
- (3) Refer to answer (1).