

SCHOOL ZONES - SPEEDING OFFENCES

195. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Community Safety:

I ask the minister to provide the following information -

- (1) How many drivers were caught speeding through metropolitan area school zones in 2005?
- (2) What was the average number of drivers caught speeding in each metropolitan area school zone in 2005?
- (3) How many drivers were caught speeding through school zones with flashing signs in 2005?
- (4) How long have trials for flashing lights on speed signs been operating around WA schools?
- (5) Which schools have the trial lights?
- (6) What is the cost of the trials?
- (7) When are the trials expected to finish?
- (8) What percentage of revenue from speed cameras in 2004-05 went to -
 - (a) road safety initiatives;
 - (b) consolidated revenue; and
 - (c) the cost of operating the cameras?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development, I thank Hon Ken Baston for some notice of the question.

- (1) WA Police advises that 9 345 infringement notices were issued for speeding within metropolitan school zones during 2005.
- (2) WA Police advises that it does not hold information on the average number of vehicles caught speeding within school zones.
- (3) WA Police does not record details relating to flashing lights installed at school speed zones.
- (4)-(7) The member may wish to redirect these questions to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.
- (8) The Office of Road Safety is not able to provide a figure for speed cameras alone. The Office of Road Safety advises that in 2004-05, \$33 170 124 was generated from speed and red-light cameras. Under the Road Safety Council Act 2002, one-third of all speed and red-light camera revenue is allocated to the road trauma trust fund, with the remaining two-thirds going to the consolidated fund. In 2004-05, \$183 066 000 was spent directly by government on road safety initiatives, including education, enforcement and road engineering programs such as the black spot program. This represents 550 per cent of the revenue received from speed and red-light cameras.