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Dear Mr Winter *Dean,*

Thank you for your constituent question asked on 1 August 2024 to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, the Hon Felix Ellis MP, on behalf of Mr Brett McGuire regarding the location of mobile speed cameras and the safety of operators. I am responding as the Minister for Transport.

I acknowledge Mr McGuire's concerns for the safety of camera operators and wish to assure him that their safety is of the utmost importance. Further, camera operators are trained on how to safely set-up and pick-up camera housings. Additionally, camera operators are required to wear high-visibility clothing during camera deployments and use head torches during low-light set-up and pick-up of cameras.

I am advised that mobile automated traffic enforcement deployments only occur at sites that have been safety assessed for both camera operators and passing traffic.

Site safety assessments check that there is sufficient space from the edge of the road for camera housings to be safely deployed at a distance consistent with the Austroads guidelines for short-term road works.

All sites are reassessed by camera operators at the start of every camera deployment to ensure no changes in location conditions have occurred that would impact the safety of camera operators or passing traffic.

Camera operator safety practices are regularly reviewed by the Department of State Growth and its supplier.

Incidents involving camera operators, including near-misses, are reported to the Department. I am advised there have not been any incidents involving crashes caused by mobile automated traffic enforcement operations reported to date.

Thank you for raising these matters in Parliament, I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Eric Abetz MP
Minister for Transport