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Legislative Assembly Public Accounts Committee
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Dear Mr Piper

Thank you for your correspondence seeking further information from Transport for NSW in relation to the Auditor-General's performance audit report – Mobile Speed Cameras.

Please find attached Transport for NSW's response to the questions asked by the Committee, to inform the current review of Performance Audit reports 306-315, for inclusion in the Committee's report.

If you have any further questions, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], would be pleased to take your call on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I hope this has been of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Carol-Anne Nelson
A/Secretary

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Auditor-General's Performance Audit Report - Mobile Speed Cameras

1. How many mobile speed cameras are now in use in New South Wales? Has there been any change since your response was submitted?

Answer :

There are 45 camera units in operation. There has been no change to the number of mobile speed cameras.

2. When were the NSW Speed Camera Strategy and policies relating to the number of hours that mobile speed cameras are deployed last reviewed? Are there any plans to do this in the near future?

Answer :

The NSW Speed Camera Strategy (the Strategy) was published in 2012 following review by the NSW Government. The review included the number of hours the cameras operate. The policy relating to the current 7,000 hours of mobile speed camera enforcement hours per month was announced at the same time as the launch of the Strategy in 2012.

As part of the 2018 Road Safety Plan, there was a policy decision to expand the Average Speed Camera program in the metropolitan areas announced.

The NSW Government has not announced any plans to further review the Strategy or the mobile speed camera enforcement hours.

3. Your response to Recommendation 1 notes that research was being conducted on better practice for mobile speed cameras in other jurisdictions and that it was anticipated that the report would be published at the end of October 2020. Has this occurred? If so is it available on the Centre for Road Safety (CRS) website?

Answer :

The estimated timeframe for completion is October 2020.

4. Your response to Recommendation 1 also noted that the Centre for Road Safety has identified opportunities to optimise the MSC program through better use of current approved enforcement sites. What changes have been made to the criteria for site selection as a result of this?

Answer :

Transport for NSW continues to conduct site assessments within existing mobile speed camera locations to ensure enforcement sites can be technically and safely enforced. Where a site is not feasible for enforcement e.g. due to changes in the road environment, the site is deactivated and a new site is identified. This is current and ongoing practice and no changes to the site selection criteria have been required to date.

5. According to the CRS website, annual reviews are undertaken to evaluate all speed cameras to ensure they continue to have a positive effect on driver behaviour and help reduce crashes. The last published review of mobile speed cameras is for 2018. Has the 2019 review been undertaken and if so, when will the results be published?

Answer :

The 2019 Annual Review of Speed Camera Programs, which looks at data up until the end of the 2018 calendar year, is currently underway. It is anticipated the review will be published prior to the end of 2020, subject to NSW Government approval.