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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 5****Friday, 11 April 2025****Question No. 260****MS CARRICK:** To ask the Minister for City and Government Services

Will the Minister reconsider the policy for very high speeding fines that are not significant to safety concerns, for example \$326 for being six km/h over the 40 km/h speed limit on Northbourne Avenue in the city.

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA – The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:

There are no plans to lower the current infringement notice penalty amounts for speeding offences. These penalty amounts will be indexed annually in line with indexation arrangements for other road transport infringement notice penalty amounts.

Speed limits are used to regulate traffic flow and promote safety for all road users. The ACT Government has a systematic approach for determining, and where necessary reviewing, appropriate speed limits for roads in the ACT.

Speeding puts all ACT road users at risk. Speeding is one of the biggest causes of deaths and serious injuries on ACT roads. Speeding dramatically increases braking distances and reduces the time available to assess and react to hazards. The chances of surviving a crash decreases rapidly above certain impact speeds, depending on the nature of the crash.

Low level speeding contributes to a significant percentage of road casualties and fatalities. Even speeding at five kilometres an hour above the speed limit increases both the likelihood of a crash occurring, and the severity of driver and pedestrian injuries in a crash.



Pedestrians have been shown to have a 90% chance of survival when struck by a car travelling at 30 km/h or below, but less than 50% chance of surviving an impact at 45 km/h.

In 2019, the ACT Government conducted an evaluation of the ACT camera program which found that mobile cameras alone prevented 120 casualty crashes and 2,900 property damage crashes in one year, resulting in more than \$60 million in crash and trauma cost savings for the ACT community.

The ACT has the highest infringement notice penalty amount for the lowest-range speeding offence, but only by \$17. Almost all other jurisdictions have an infringement notice penalty amount increase at 10km/h over the speed limit, with the majority of fines exceeding the ACT penalty amount, but ACT remains level until 15 km/h.

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