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Minister for Human Rights

Minister for City and Government Services

Minister for the Night Time Economy

Member for Ginninderra

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 4****21 March 2025****Question No. 244**

Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA –

1. Is the Minister aware that concerns have been raised about the accuracy and reliability of speed and traffic cameras in the ACT, potentially impacting thousands of motorists.
2. Has the Minister received reports indicating that these cameras may have unfairly detected drivers, leading to incorrect fines or penalties.
3. Can the Minister confirm whether the testing laboratory, SGS Australia Pty Ltd in Victoria, was accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities in July 2008, in accordance with the relevant legislation.
4. Is the Minister aware of the significant consequences for ACT motorists, including potential job losses, due to license suspensions caused by accumulated demerit points.
5. What measures has the ACT Government taken to ensure that SGS Australia Pty Ltd remains appropriately accredited, and that speed camera testing meets all regulatory standards.
6. Can the Minister provide evidence confirming the ongoing accreditation of SGS Australia Pty Ltd for this purpose.

Ms Cheyne MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. There is an established process through the Infringement Review Team in Access Canberra where any member of the community who may have a concern or question about an infringement, can contact Access Canberra. Access Canberra publishes current speed measuring device calibration certificates online for the public's awareness and information.
2. See question 1.



3. On 28 July 2008 SGS Australia Pty Ltd Traffic Systems received accreditation from The National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) Australia following demonstration of its technical competence to operate in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025.
4. Yes. There are mechanisms in place to support people in our community facing these penalties, balanced against road safety principles that consider the significant consequences of crashes on our road network.
5. Testing, calibration and reporting requirements for ACT speed detection devices are included in contract arrangements with SGS Australia Pty Ltd, to ensure services provided meet NATA guidelines and SGS Australia Pty Ltd have capability to meet ACT regulatory testing requirements. Access Canberra Traffic Camera Compliance staff have copies of the NATA accreditation certificates issued to SGS Australia Pty Ltd and the certificates confirm ongoing accreditation since July 2008.

Testing of speed measuring devices used for the detection of traffic offences in the ACT is carried out in accordance with the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulation 2017*. Device testing includes certified testing personnel and equipment, speed simulation tests, device interference measures, and a Calibration Certificate.

6. Access Canberra publishes current speed measuring device calibration certificates online [here](#) for the public's awareness. The most recent issued NATA accreditation of SGS Australia Pty Ltd also shows accreditation since 28 July 2008 and is at Attachment A.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Date: 16 / 4 / 25

**ACCREDITED
LABORATORY**



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TESTING AUTHORITIES, AUSTRALIA

has accredited:

SGS Australia Pty Ltd

Traffic Systems

Following demonstration of its technical competence to operate in accordance with:

ISO/IEC 17025

This facility is accredited for the calibrations shown on the Scope of Accreditation issued by NATA

Jennifer Evans

Chief Executive Officer, NATA

Date of issue: 29 January 2024 | Date of Accreditation: 28 July 2008 | Accreditation number: 18628 | Site number: 20054

The Commonwealth recognises NATA as the national authority for accreditation of laboratories, and a leader in accreditation internationally. NATA is a signatory to the mutual recognition arrangements of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC). (ABN 59 004 379 748) Limited by guarantee

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