STATES OF JERSEY



MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -

to request the Minister for Home Affairs to bring forward legislation to -

- (a) enable the Honorary Police to use mobile speed cameras; and
- (b) introduce stricter sentences for motorists who are found guilty of travelling 30 miles per hour or more over the speed limit.

CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN

REPORT

There is growing concern about speeding vehicles on our Island roads. Recently there has been a significant increase in 'boy racers' driving at extreme speeds, usually during the hours of darkness.

When the Police do set up speed checks, passing motorists warn on-coming vehicles by flashing their headlights. Within minutes of a speed check being set-up, the details are published on social media resulting in wasted Police time and very few prosecutions.

The current methods of policing speeds are simply not working; they are resource hungry and are not achieving the deterrent required to ensure motorists maintain due regard to speed limits. It is pointless reducing speed limits on roads unless the new, lower limits can be policed.

There has been a significant surge in public complaints about speeding motorists and it is our duty to ensure the Police have the wherewithal to carry out their job and enforce the Law.

Financial and manpower implications

Law-drafting will be required as a result of this proposition, but the financial and manpower implications are otherwise negligible.