

Briefing for the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee on PE2149: Install speed cameras near schools, submitted by Andreas Heinzl

Background

Speed cameras, usually referred to as 'safety cameras', in Scotland are installed and managed by three [Police Scotland Safety Camera Units](#) (North, East and West), which are funded by the Scottish Government through the [Scottish Safety Camera Programme](#).

Safety camera site selection criteria are set out in the [Scottish Safety Camera Programme Handbook](#). The key criteria for the installation of a safety camera at a specific site include:

- a minimum number of vehicle collisions resulting in injury or death must have occurred at the location within the last five years.
- a recognised problem with vehicles exceeding the speed limit at the location.
- agreement between Police Scotland and the roads authority that a safety camera is the right solution for speed enforcement at that location.
- the location complies with safety camera visibility and conspicuity requirements.

Government Action

The Scottish Government has not considered the routine installation of safety cameras on roads outside of schools.

Scottish Parliament Action

To date, the Scottish Parliament has not considered the routine installation of safety cameras on roads outside of schools.

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