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## **School Speed Zone Enforcement On Non-School Days**

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton welcomed the Minister for Police's decision to rescind 68 speeding fines that were improperly issued outside a school zone after Dr Nahan raised the problem in Parliament recently.

"A constituent advised me that her daughter, who is a teacher at a school in Gosnells, had been fined for doing 51km an hour in her school's 40km/h zone. However, the teacher knew that the school was closed that day for a pupil free day so the fine should never have been issued," said Dr Nahan.

"It turns out that 68 people also received similar fines that day. The police were operating on incorrect information that had been published by the Education Department about the school's operating times."

"The Police Commissioner's decision to rescind these fines is a sensible one. It has highlighted the need for police to have some discretion when fines are incorrectly issued like this rather than the innocent recipient having to face court to explain an error that wasn't theirs."

"The Education Department too must ensure that it publishes accurate and up-to-date information in the Government Gazette about its school terms so that errors like this do not arise."

Dr Nahan said he supports the police rigorously enforcing the school 40km/h zones to help provide a safer environment for young students entering and leaving school premises.

"The central principle of slowing down traffic outside our schools is paramount to the student's safety. However, if we are going to step up more rigorous enforcement of speeding penalties, including higher fines and more restrictive zones, particularly in school areas, we have to make sure that we get it right," said Dr Nahan.

"I was very pleased to see that the Minister acknowledged the anomaly in this case and met with the Commissioner for Police to satisfactorily resolve the issue."

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