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DIRECTOR-GENERAL: COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE**

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 **Reply:**Whether any of the metropolitan municipalities have any average-speed-overdistance cameras installed in the municipality; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details in each case and (b) has there been any positive results from the installation of these cameras?

The following response is based on the information provided by three Metropolitan Municipalities, City of Cape Town, eThekwini and Mangaung. The remaining five Metropolitan Municipalities, Buffalo City, City of Joburg, City of Tshwane, Nelson Mandela Bay and Ekurhuleni did not meet the deadline for submission of responses. Attempts are being made to obtain the information from the outstanding Metropolitan Municipalities and will be made available on receipt

thereof.

Hereunder are the responses from the responded Metropolitan Municipalities.
 **Reply by City of Cape Town***(a)"Yes, the City of Cape Town* has *average-speed-over-distance cameras installed on the M5, Nelson Mandela Boulevard and the N2 incoming.*

*(b)* Yes, *there* has *been a dramatic reduction in road accidents and fatality rates within four months following the installation of the cameras.* 11

 **Reply by eThekwini Metro***(a) "This Municipality* does *not have any average speed over distance cameras, reason being that the majority of roads into and out of EThekwini are Provincial Roads and not Municipal roads, thus a Provincial mandate.*

*(b) Secondly it* is *not really practical in an urban environment where speeding* is *a short-distance-location problem with the road geometry and environment changing* so *much over the length. Generally, congestion and traffic signals/stop control would negate its effectiveness. In an urban environment it is the spot speed that* is *of concern and not the average speed per* se. "

 **Reply by Mangaung Metro***(a) "Yes, the Municipality* has *procured fixed and mobile cameras. However, the average speed limit prosecution over extended distance requires that where the average offender* is *not immediately stopped and charged, the issuing authority that wants to* use *the camera for prosecution purposes shall obtain written permission from the Director of Public Prosecutions for the roads or sections of roads where it intends on doing such prosecution whether such camera is fixed or mobile. Each case is dealt with according to its own merits to make for the operational guidelines in order to ensure the accuracy and reliability of measurements results for fair prosecution the decision whether or not to prosecute still remains in the discretion of the prosecutor.*

*(b) Yes high volume of speed offenders are apprehended day and night it must* a/so *be noted that preparations using distance over time measuring*

*equipment prior to the instrument being used for prosecution purposes should be adhered to* , *site selection for the equipment to be used in any traffic condition provided that a clear view of identified markers must be visible and adherence to operational procedures for prosecuting guidelines for speed measuring equipment and traffic light violations monitoring equipment.*

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Herewith a reply recommended by:

**MR. T FABA
Deputy Director-General: Corporate Services
Date:** 11/12/2015

RECOMMENDED/ ...............

**MR V MADONSELA
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE:** 11/12/2015

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**NEL, MP**15/12/2015

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APPROVED/ ........................................

**DAVID VAN ROOYEN, MP**

**MINISTER**

**DATE**:

**Attached please find here:** [**Route Form**](http://pmg-assets.s3-website-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/RNW4183routeform.pdf)