

## **56,000 AWAS summonses issued**

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Most issued for speeding offences since Sept 1

KUALA LUMPUR: The Road Transport Department (RTD) has issued 56,680 summonses under the Automated Awareness Safety System (Awas) since it took over the system on Sept 1. Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Kamarudin Jaafar said 52,846 were for speeding offences, while the rest were for jumping the lights. Awas integrates the Automated Enforcement System (AES) cameras and Demerit Points System (Kejara). “ The number of offenders who have settled their summonses is quite saddening,” he told the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

He was responding to a supplementary question by Wan Hassan Mohd Ramli (PAS – Dungun) on whether the government plans to place AES cameras to other hot spots. Kamarudin said any decision on the cameras would be done after consulting the agencies under the ministry. He warned errant motorists to settle their fines immediately, or risk being blacklisted by the RTD. “ Those blacklisted will no longer be able to deal with RTD until they settle their summonses, “ he said. Under Awas, those issued summonses have to pay a fine of RM 300 within 60 days. If they fail to do so they will be charged in court.

Should they fail to show up, their names will be blacklisted and they will be prevented from carrying out transaction involving the RTD. On compensation payable to the Armed Forces Fund Board (LTAT) for the acquisition of two companies related to the AES project, Kamarudin said the government is still considering the amount. He said the details will be finalised by the year –end after the Ministry Of Finance has examined all the cost elements.

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