

ROAD SAFETY — DOWERIN

5693. Ms M.J. Davies to the Minister for Police; Road Safety:

I refer to the Dowerin–Northam Road and Dowerin–Kalannie Road, and ask:

- (a) Can you provide crash statistics, for each of the aforementioned roads, for each of the last four years to date;
- (b) Can you provide the number of incidents involving trucks or heavy vehicles, for each of the aforementioned roads, for each of the last four years to date;
- (c) Please summarise any planned developments or treatments to address road safety concerns associated with increased heavy vehicle traffic on these two roads; and
- (d) What funding has been allocated in the 2019–20 State Budget to address these concerns?

Mrs M.H. Roberts replied:

The Western Australian Police Force advise:

- (a) In 2015/16 there was one serious or fatal crash on the Northam–Pithara Road in the suburb of Jennapullin; in 2016/17 there was one serious or fatal crash on the Northam–Pithara Road in the suburb of Jennapullin. There were no serious or fatal crashes recorded on the relevant roads in 2017/18, 2018/19 or in 2019 to date (ie: 1 July 2019 to 30 September 2019).
- (b) There were no serious or fatal crashes involving trucks or heavy vehicles recorded. There may have been crashes involving trucks or heavy vehicles that do not meet the requirements of WA Police Force reporting.

Notes: The Western Australia Police Force records serious and fatal crashes, and crashes believed to be serious or fatal at the time of reporting, in the Traffic Enforcement and Crash Executive Information System (TEACEIS). In the context of road crashes, the WA Police Force defines a ‘serious’ crash to be one where a person obtains a bodily injury of such a nature as to endanger life, cause permanent injury to health, or be likely to do so; and a ‘fatal’ crash to be one where a person dies within 30 days as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. Statistics are provisional and subject to revision. The WA Police Force does not report on crashes which did not result in a fatality or serious injury, or where the crash occurred on private property or a closed road; where no moving vehicle was involved (such as a pedestrian makes contact with a parked car); where the impact was caused by an ‘act of nature’ (such as a falling tree branch), an act of deliberate intent (such as murder), or where the injuries were not primarily caused by the impact of a vehicle (such as a heart attack). All statistics are provisional and subject to revision.

- (c)–(d) These questions should be referred to the Minister for Transport.