

ROADS, SPECIAL SPEED RESTRICTIONS AROUND SCHOOLS, COLOUR IT SAFE TRIAL

3186. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer the Minister to the special speed restrictions, in place around schools, during morning and afternoon peak pupil times and the trial of on road markings of speed restrictions, reported in the *Sunday Times* on 13 May 2001, titled 'Colour it safe' and ask -

- (a) has a report been presented on the result of the trial;
- (b) if yes, who received copies of the report and will the Minister table a copy of the report;
- (c) if not, why not; and
- (d) what action has the Minister taken to support Main Roads in their quest for extra funding to paint all roads around schools with speed restrictions?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The report, completed in February 2002, has been distributed within Main Roads and the Road Safety Council's Speed Management Taskforce. Attached is a copy of the report. [See paper No 3058.]
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Main Roads has not requested extra funding to install painted road markings around all schools.

The report in question showed from before and after surveys no significant effect on driver behaviour as a result of the markings and recommended that Main Roads should be selective in considering sites for treatment. As a consequence, Main Roads has developed a policy for installation of School Zone pavement markings on roads, where:

- The road has a speed limit greater than the Built Up Area 50 km/h default speed limit outside of the School Zone times, or
- The road is a District Distributor road and has an annual average daily traffic volume greater than 5 000 vehicles per day.

Main Roads has an on-going program to install these pavement markings under the above criteria and funds these works from its annual Traffic and Safety budget.

This policy means that not all roads around schools will be treated with speed pavement markings.