

MAIN ROADS INTERSECTIONS, DIRECTION SIGNS

307. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

With regard to the placement of directional signs on Main Roads intersections -

- (1) What is the written policy and/or guidelines used?
- (2) Is a national policy followed in Western Australia?
- (3) Are there local derivatives of guidelines for different categories of road, rural areas, towns, city precincts and tourism areas?
- (4) Will the member table all written documentation with regard to the above questions?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Main Roads' directional signs guidelines.
- (2) The operational guidelines for the provision of directional signs generally conform with Australian standard AS1742.2 and AS1742.8. However, as with all other States, some variation may occur to better suit local conditions.
- (3) Main Roads' directional signs guidelines apply across the State. However, some variation may occur to better suit particular local circumstances. The essential aim is to provide assistance to road users in reaching their destination while avoiding a proliferation of signs that could confuse and reduce the level of safety at a particular location.
- (4) The directional signs guidelines are available on Main Roads' web site on www.mainroads.wa.gov.au under the roads and traffic engineering section. Should the honourable member have a particular concern with regard to directional signing, the minister would be happy for Main Roads to investigate them.