

ROAD TRAUMA TRUST ACCOUNT — HEART HUB SOUTH WEST

248. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Road Safety:

I have a supplementary question. If it cannot be funded or the minister does not have control over the road trauma trust account, can he please commit to funding this out of other budget sources given that the government is about to post a record budget surplus in the upcoming state budget?

Mr P. PAPALIA replied:

All I would say is that within the portfolio that I am responsible for, Road Safety, it has access to the road trauma trust account for appropriate measures aligned with reducing road trauma. As I said, any applications for use of that fund are made to the Road Safety Council, and it makes recommendations to me. I understand that the Commissioner for Main Roads has met with Tarryn as well and is working with her on measures that might employ her knowledge, experience and support in advocating for greater road safety outcomes. The normal practice is that people make a proposal to the Road Safety Council, there is an annual allocation and the funding is assigned appropriately.