

ROELANDS ROAD TRAIN ASSEMBLY AREA

830. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

It is the parliamentary secretary's day!

I refer to the decision to allow the assembly and disassembly of road trains only in daylight hours at the Roelands road train assembly area.

- (1) What are the terms of reference for the ARRB Group Ltd's investigation into whether longer road trains should be allowed to travel down Roelands Hill on the Coalfields highway?
- (2) Who is being consulted during the investigation?
- (3) What studies or trials are being conducted as part of the investigation?
- (4) Will the result of the investigation be made public?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) The terms of reference include conducting a full assessment of the route for 36.5-metre road train requirements, including road and lane widths; RTAA signalised intersections, approach sight distances, stacking distance, storage lanes, grades and swept path of turning manoeuvres; conducting performance-based standards assessment of the vehicle combinations with various load types at various mass limits; creating a 3D model of the road and assessing key performance measures during the descent of the hill; determining the brake temperature for 36.5-metre road trains versus 27.5-metre road trains travelling down a steep descent via calculations and review of Austroads reports; and providing a report, including the method of assessments, assumptions and results.

ARRB will summarise the findings and provide recommendations.

- (2) This is a technical assessment.
- (3) Refer to (1).
- (4) Results of the investigation will be made available upon request. The access decisions resulting from the investigation outcomes will be communicated accordingly.