

DRIVER FATIGUE REGULATIONS AND CODES

1421. Hon JIM SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection:

- (1) Has the minister or the department been asked to re-examine truck driver fatigue regulations or codes relating to two-up or two-driver vehicles?
- (2) Is the department carrying out or about to carry out a review?
- (3) If so -
 - (a) why are the codes and/or regulations being reviewed so soon after they have been introduced; and
 - (b) will the livestock codes or regulations be reviewed at the same time?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The tripartite WorkSafe Western Australia Commission is carrying out a review of the fatigue regulations only in regard to two-up or two-driver operations. Submissions to the draft code of practice are currently being considered.
- (3)
 - (a) The road freight industry has actively promoted and applied the new regulations pertaining to fatigue management for commercial vehicle drivers. Since the new regulations have come into effect, a particular issue has arisen with respect to the application of the existing operating standard for two-up operations, the application of which would result in an unintended outcome. Proposed changes will result in an improved safety outcome.
 - (b) No further changes to the regulations are planned at this point in time. The livestock industry has made a submission on the draft code of practice. Its input will be considered by the tripartite WorkSafe Western Australia Commission.