

MAIN ROADS — LAND LEASES — ROAD SERVICE CENTRE

848. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Main Roads Amendment Bill 2023, and ask, Section 18D(1)(a) in which the Commissioner is provided the power to lease land to other persons to build and operate a road service centre:

- (a) Does the Minister for Transport oversee this process? What mechanisms are in place to ensure checks and balances; and
- (b) Section 18F stipulates that business arrangements will require Ministerial, and the Treasurer's approval:
 - (i) What is the formal process for these commercial arrangements; and
 - (ii) Does the Government have the proper resources, such as Full-Time Equivalents (FTE's), to accommodate these commercial business arrangements in a thorough and timely manner?

Ms R. Saffioti replied:

The leasing of land is dealt with by the proposed Section 29(2)(a), to be read in conjunction with Section 22B(3) when in relation to a road service centre.

- (a) The recently-created Transport Portfolio Land and Property Services branch has a dedicated commercial team that will be responsible for, and oversee, the leasing of land.
The leasing of land for the purpose of a road service centre will follow processes that are being developed for this purpose.
- (b)
 - (i) Policies, procedures or guidelines governing the entering into of business arrangements will be developed following the commencement of the amended Main Roads Act.
 - (ii) Yes.