

HEAVY HAULAGE TRANSPORT UNITS, AUDITS

309. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

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- (1) If commercial companies are appointed to audit heavy haulage transport units, are they the final arbiter of those regulations?
- (2) Will only one criterion be recognised by heavy haulage transport officers performing roadside checks?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

- (1) No. Accreditation auditors will audit management systems and compliance with these systems to ensure that they reach the standards set by Main Roads. Main Roads has the final decision regarding acceptance into accreditation. A grievance appeals process has been established to deal with disputed decisions.
- (2) No. Main Roads transport inspectors will check for accreditation stickers on prime movers and trailers. If no stickers are evident, they will seek other evidence, such as a letter of accreditation, and will check the lists of accredited vehicles. Inspectors can contact Main Roads by telephone to confirm whether a vehicle is accredited. Inspectors will also check for compliance with other regulations in addition to accreditation. There is no distinction between the treatment of accredited and non-accredited vehicles regarding general rules and regulations.