

GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM DEVICES - USE IN VEHICLES

1017. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

- (1) What is an acceptable use of portable global positioning system devices in vehicles?
- (2) What is the difference between built-in GPS devices and portable GPS devices under the Road Traffic Code 2000 regarding the use of visual display units?
- (3) Has the use of built-in GPS devices been included in the Road Traffic Code; and, if so, under what section?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) I am advised that both portable and built-in global positioning system devices are acceptable for use in vehicles, as they are deemed to be drivers' aids. Acceptable use would involve those functions relating to the normal operation of the device.
- (2) Built-in GPS devices are incorporated into the vehicle to meet manufacturers' specifications and must comply with Australian Design Rules. Portable GPS devices must be positioned in such a manner that the driver has an uninterrupted and non-distracted view when driving. This is provided for under regulation 263 of the Road Traffic Code 2000.
- (3) The use of GPS devices as navigational or intelligent highway and vehicle system equipment is provided for under regulation 264 of the Road Traffic Code 2000.