

TOW TRUCK INDUSTRY — ROAD TRAFFIC (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS

1229. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to proposed amendments to the Road Traffic (Vehicles) Regulations 2014 and concerns raised with me by the heavy-vehicle towing industry about the practicality of those proposed amendments.

- (1) Has the minister met with members of the heavy-vehicle towing industry?
 - (a) If yes, when?
 - (b) If no, why not?
- (2) Is the minister aware of concerns about the proposed changes to regulations 411, 417 and 418, and the impact on the cost of operations of the heavy vehicle towers?
- (3) Is the minister aware of concerns about proposed changes to regulations listed in (2) and the impact on delays to removing broken-down vehicles, such as trucks and buses, from main highways and freeways around the city and roads in the CBD?
- (4) When will the amended regulations be tabled in Parliament?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The proposed amendments to the regulations do not prevent a heavy vehicle tow truck from undertaking towing to the nearest safe place at the direction of police or Main Roads.