

HEAVY VEHICLE ROAD USER CHARGE

**269. Mr R.S. LOVE to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to yesterday's federal Labor budget which had buried within it a six per cent increase in the heavy vehicle road user charge. I note that the budget papers specifically state that this was with the minister's agreement.

- (1) Did the minister consult industry prior to giving her agreement to this tax increase?
- (2) Does the minister acknowledge that this is an impost on business at a time of stress on our supply chains and one that will contribute to the pressures on the rising cost of living?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:**

I thank the member for that question.

- (1)–(2) That charge does not apply to WA; we are not part of the national heavy vehicle registration system. Announcements regarding our charges will be made tomorrow.

*Distinguished Visitors — Byford Rotary Club, Tamil Nadu Vocational Education and Training Delegation  
and Darlington Primary School*

**The SPEAKER:** Before I give the call to the member for Bicton, I have some guests whom I would love to acknowledge. On behalf of the member for Darling Range, I would like to welcome to the Speaker's gallery members from the Byford Rotary Club.

On behalf of the member for Riverton, I welcome to the Speaker's gallery today the Tamil Nadu vocational education and training delegation to Perth, the first delegation to WA as a result of the signing of a letter of intent for cooperation between the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation and the government of Tamil Nadu. Here today are representatives from JTSI and the Indian Administrative Service, including Ms Rajendran Lalitha, IAS director of technical education; Ms Jegan Innocent Divya, IAS managing director of the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation; and Dr Munirathinam Jayaprakasan, chief executive officer of the Naan Mudhalvan team. On behalf of members of this chamber, I extend my welcome to these very distinguished guests. Thank you.

[Applause.]

**The SPEAKER:** On behalf of the member for Kalamunda—not to be forgotten!—please welcome from a school that was once in my electorate, the Darlington Primary School year 6 leaders, principal Andrew Newhouse and parent helper Serena Goldsmith, who are visiting Parliament today. Welcome, Darlington Primary School. I look forward to seeing you around this building and out, perhaps, around Midland one time.