

MAIN ROADS WA, TRAFFIC SIGNAGE NEAR ACACIA PRISON

147. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has Main Roads WA (MRWA) responded to the concerns expressed by Mr Gerry Post in respect of the traffic signage erected on the Great Eastern Highway near the Acacia Prison site?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) Why is the Traffic Management Plan for the above roadworks the property of Transfield and not held by MRWA and open for inspection by any interested party?
- (4) Has MRWA revised its Traffic Management for Roadworks Code of Practice?
- (5) If not, why not?
- (6) Is it appropriate that the MRWA regulate and enforce the Code of Practice rather than delegate to other agencies such as the Ministry of Justice and private contractors?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1) Mr Post's concerns relate to temporary speed limit signs for roadworks being erected at times when there is no roadwork activity apparent. Mr Post has been advised that Main Roads is addressing this matter by -
 - (a) Revising the traffic management for roadworks code of practice.
 - (b) Requiring all contractors and authorities carrying out works on the State's roads to be trained in traffic management by accredited trainers.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) For this particular project, Transfield has not been engaged by Main Roads, ie there is no direct contractual relationship between Main Roads and Transfield. In fact, Transfield has been engaged under a contract by Department of Contract and Management Services acting on behalf of the Ministry of Justice to construct the Acacia Prison. The construction of the new entrance off Great Eastern Highway is part of that contract.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) The Main Roads Act does not allow Main Roads Western Australia to fine contractors or authorities that do not comply with the code of practice. Main Roads will seek to educate all contractors and authorities to implement the new code of practice. Main Roads will also establish an auditing process to ensure compliance with the code.