

ROAD TRAFFIC — SPEED LIMITS

1167. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the Government given any consideration to reducing the number of speed limits used across Western Australia?
- (2) Has the Government given any consideration to changing the speed limits on approaches to rural towns?
- (3) If yes to (1) or (2):
 - (a) what considerations have been given; and
 - (b) what was the outcome?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

(1)–(2) Yes.

- (3)
 - (a) Main Roads has considered simplifying the speed limit system by reviewing 70 km/h and 90 km/h speed zones as appropriate. Main Roads has reviewed buffer zones that gradually step down the speed limit on the approach to rural towns.
 - (b) Main Roads believes that reducing the number of speed limits would simplify driving for motorists. There are however concerns that changes to buffer zones may result in a large variation in vehicle speeds between the advance warning signs and the speed zone change. Main Roads will monitor trials currently underway in Victoria and New South Wales.