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POLICE ESCORT SERVICES — MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- 59. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:
- (1) Is the minister seeking to have Main Roads WA take over the police escort services function? I am referring to trucks!

Several members interjected.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: They will know what I mean at Main Roads. The question continues —

(2) If so, when and why would the minister like to have that function transferred to her agency?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

When perusing the answer, I assumed that the honourable member had not jumped down the notice paper too far!

On behalf of the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, I advise that the minister has provided an answer in the following terms —

- (1) No. Main Roads recently initiated a review of large oversize loads, as it is apparent that these movements are causing significant damage to roadside infrastructure. I refer to signage, guideposts, guardrails etc. One of the items to be addressed as part of the review is the role and function of police escorts and pilots.
- (2) Not applicable.