

ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION — MINIMUM SAFE PASSING DISTANCE LAWS

242. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Road Safety:

I refer to trials underway in Queensland, the Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales of laws requiring motorists to give a minimum safe passing distance when overtaking or approaching bike riders, and to South Australia's permanent adoption of such laws.

- (1) How will the Road Safety Commission examine the progress and analyse the results of these trials?
- (2) What WA government resources have been allocated to this task?
- (3) Should the trials demonstrate that the laws improve public safety and harmony on the road, will the government introduce similar legislation in WA?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Attorney General representing the Minister for Road Safety, the answer is —

- (1)–(3) The Road Safety Commission will consider the outcomes of the evaluations of these trials when they become available.