

INDIGENOUS LICENSING AND FINE DEFAULT — REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

3877. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the September 2007 report, 'Indigenous Licensing and Fine Default A Clean Slate', prepared by the Committee to Explore the Effect of Motor Driver's Licence and Driving Laws on Remote Communities for the former Government, and I ask —

- (1) Which of the report's recommendations that fall within your portfolio responsibilities do you support?
- (2) Regarding any recommendations that fall within your portfolio responsibilities but do not have your support, what is the reason for your lack of support?
- (3) Regarding the answer given to (1) —
 - (a) what process is in place for monitoring the level of implementation of those recommendations;
 - (b) which recommendations are currently fully implemented (where applicable, please provide full details);
 - (c) which recommendations are currently partially implemented (in each case, please specify the extent);
 - (d) which recommendations are currently not implemented;
 - (e) of the recommendations referred to in (3)(d), when will they be implemented; and
 - (f) where is the information referred to in the answers (3)(a)–(e) inclusive publicly available?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (1) The report is supported by the Minister.
- (2) Not applicable
- (3)
 - (a) The Department of Transport has established a Remote Areas Drivers Licensing Steering Committee.
 - (b)–(c) The recommendations contained in the report are currently progressing toward full implementation. The extent of implementation varies according to the complexity of the recommendation. Details will be made available by the Government as appropriate.
 - (d)–(e) Not applicable
 - (f) I am unable to provide further details until Cabinet has commended the initiatives.