

HEAVY VEHICLES — LOCAL ROAD USE

3044. Hon Ken Travers to the minister representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Does the Minister support the view that too many local roads are open for the use of heavy trucks?
- (2) Do you agree that to have just about every local road open to every heavy vehicle is something that's simply not sustainable into the future?
- (3) If yes to (2), what action has the Minister taken to reduce or limit the number of local roads open to heavy vehicle use?
- (4) What actions does the Minister support Local Government's taking to reduce or limit the number of heavy vehicle use of local roads?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) No
- (2) There is no control over access to local roads by the majority of the heavy vehicle fleet. General Access Vehicles do not require permits to operate, only RAVs are controlled by way of a permitting system. The level of access to local roads by RAVs is determined by the road owners (local governments)
- (3)-(4) Not applicable