

OFFICE OF ROAD SAFETY — PERTH ROYAL SHOW EXHIBIT

Statement by Minister for Road Safety

MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Minister for Road Safety) [9.03 am]: I am pleased to advise that the Office of Road Safety display stand at this year's IGA Perth Royal Show won the award for best commercial exhibitor for the design and presentation of a government department stand. It is a great result, and I congratulate the office on building a user-friendly display that has contributed to sharing important road safety information, particularly about safer vehicles, with the general public.

The Office of Road Safety has exhibited at the Perth Royal Show since 2003. Over the years the stand has focused on different road safety messages, with this year's focus being on safer vehicles. The display included a crashed vehicle and posters displaying Australasian New Car Assessment Program—ANCAP—crash-testing on vehicles, showing the difference between a one-star vehicle all the way up to a five-star-safety-rated vehicle, which is the recommended safety rating. Used car safety rating information was also provided. The theme and focus of the display was also the recently invigorated Office of Road Safety website. Computers were provided for visitors to check the safety ratings of their vehicles, as well as to check the safety ratings of vehicles they may wish to purchase. The computers also allowed visitors a chance to play interactive games and quizzes on safe road behaviour. Visitors were also encouraged to find out more about road safety topics and the Towards Zero strategy by having access to a computer dedicated to the Office of Road Safety website.

With research indicating that if each motorist upgraded their vehicle to the safest in its class, road trauma would immediately drop by between 26 and 40 per cent, the government remains committed to improving the safety of vehicles on Western Australian roads. I look forward to advising the house of further initiatives on safer vehicles in the coming months.