

ENGINE BRAKE NOISE — STANDARDS

690. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the engine brake noise limits in-service standard been introduced in line with the model laws endorsed by the Australian Transport Council in November 2007?
- (2) If no to (1) —
 - (a) why not; and
 - (b) when will the standard be introduced?
- (3) Will the government be introducing noise cameras to monitor and enforce the standard, and therefore improve amenity for local communities affected by truck noise?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) No, this model legislation has not yet been introduced.
- (2)
 - (a) Implementation in other Australian jurisdictions has encountered technical difficulties in enforcement of noise standards.
 - (b) Implementation of the model legislation will be considered when the technical issues have been addressed.
- (3) Main Roads Western Australia is communicating with other states that are working through the legal practicalities needed to implement an enforcement regime based on a noise camera. If these states can demonstrate the feasibility of such a regime, a similar approach will be considered for Western Australia.