

**TRUCK TURNAROUND FACILITIES — GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY**

*Question without Notice 1209 — Correction of Answer — Statement by Minister for Transport*

**HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan — Minister for Transport)** [10.06 am]: Mr President, I do not have a formal brief ministerial statement to make, but I do wish to make a brief statement to the house. It is to correct or qualify an answer I gave to a question yesterday.

**The PRESIDENT:** You are able to make a statement under this section, which is for ministers and parliamentary secretaries.

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN:** Thank you, Mr President. I will be brief.

Further to an answer I gave to a question without notice from Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm yesterday, I have since been advised that discussions have taken place between Main Roads and other agencies, including the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Fire and Emergency Services Authority, about road-related follow-ups to the Boorabbin bushfire incident. Meetings have included discussion on progressing a range of measures, including truck turning points. Indeed, I am now aware of a meeting that was initiated by DEC in specific response to recommendations it had received about pursuing this matter. A meeting did take place and a paper was subsequently prepared for the state mitigation committee, which is a subcommittee of the State Emergency Management Committee, to progress ongoing fire-mitigation measures, including consideration of truck turning points. I make this statement, Mr President, to remove any possible ambiguity from the response that I gave yesterday. I apologise to the house if any of the information conveyed to the house, or the manner in which it was conveyed to the house, caused a false impression to be created.

Consideration of the statement made an order of the day for the next sitting, on motion by **Hon Ken Travers**.