

HIRE CAMPERVANS — SAFETY INSPECTIONS

2300. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport
- (1) How often do hire campervans require a road safety inspection?
 - (2) Does the Department of Transport (DET), ever conduct random inspections of hire campervans, to ensure they are roadworthy or otherwise safe?
 - (3) If yes to (2), how many random inspections have occurred this financial year?
 - (4) For each location where campervans have been inspected —
 - (a) what was the name of the hire company that owned the vehicles;
 - (b) how many vehicles were inspected; and
 - (c) how many were found to be un-roadworthy?
 - (5) For each hire company who have had a vehicle inspection at a DET inspection centre —
 - (a) what was the name of the hire company;
 - (b) how many vehicles were inspected; and
 - (c) how many were found to be un-roadworthy?
 - (6) Has the Government received any correspondence from the Queensland Government concerning un-roadworthy campervans?
 - (7) If yes to (6), what action has the Government taken as a result of this correspondence?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) Hire campervans only require a road safety inspection at the time they are initially licensed in WA.
- (2) Transport does not conduct random inspections of any vehicle including campervans.
- (3)-(4) Not applicable.
- (5) (a)-(c) Transport holds records of vehicle details and vehicle owners; Transport does not hold details of the use of the vehicle, or the type of company, hire or otherwise.
- (6) Yes.
- (7) Transport raised the concerns of the Queensland Government with the Department of Commerce because of its role in regulating the business of the car hire industry. Commerce advised that it had recently checked the campervans in the Perth depot of the camper hire firm mentioned by Queensland Transport. They found only a small number to be defective and those defects were relatively minor in nature. The staff conducting the inspection were satisfied with the standard of the vehicles.