

ROAD SAFETY — TRUCK DRIVERS

874. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the minister representing the Minister for Road Safety:

I refer to road safety for our states truck drivers, and I ask:

- (a) what has been the total number and type of road accidents that have taken place on Western Australian roads for classes LR, MR, HR, HC and MC for the year to date and over the past five years;
- (b) does the Government has a specific strategy to reduce the number of accidents on Western Australian roads for the LR, MR, HR, HC and MC class of vehicles;
- (c) has there been an increase in truck rollover accidents on Western Australian roads in recent years, and, if so, what is that increase; and
- (d) what measures have been or will be introduced to reduce the number of truck rollovers on West Australian roads?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

The Road Safety Commission advise:

- (a) The total reported crashes involving at least one heavy vehicle by crash nature and crash year, 2017–2021 is provided in Table 1. Data on all reported road crashes will not be available until Main Roads WA formally release crash data in April 2023.

Table 1.

Crash nature	Crash year				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Not recorded	174	176	181	152	250
Rear end	513	490	431	370	484
Head on	40	43	35	24	33
Sideswipe	383	381	392	339	445
Right angle	228	246	219	184	205
Right turn thru	30	29	33	28	28
Hit pedestrian	9	10	13	8	12
Hit animal	6	8	6	1	8
Hit object	88	67	71	62	59
Non collision	52	69	47	69	60
<b>Total reported crashes involving at least one heavy vehicle</b>	<b>1523</b>	<b>1519</b>	<b>1428</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>1584</b>

Note: A heavy vehicle includes trucks and prime movers (with or without trailers), and road trains.

Source: Prepared by the Road Safety Commission using data from the Main Roads WA Integrated Road Information System and WA Police Force preliminary crash reports.

- (b) Yes. The Driving Change Road Safety Strategy for Western Australia 2020–2030 includes ‘vehicles as a workplace’ as a strategic focus area, with particular relevance to the heavy vehicle industry.
- (c) The available crash data does not specify whether a vehicle rolled during a crash.
- (d) The Driving Change Strategy addresses single vehicle run off road crashes (including truck rollover accidents) as part of the Regional Road Safety Program. Funding of \$827.5 million has been allocated to this program until the end of June 2024, which will see some 8,500 km of regional roads upgraded.