

**Question on Notice**

**No. 653**

**Asked on Tuesday 13 April 2010**

MR DOWLING asked the Minister for Transport (MS NOLAN) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister repeal section 299(1)(a) or section 299(1)(b) of the Traffic Act, which prohibit the use of satellite navigation systems as driver aids in vehicles, or does the Minister intend to enforce a prohibition on these devices?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Redlands for the question.

The Member for Redlands may be interested to know that the Traffic Act was repealed on 1 August 2000 following the relocation of particular provisions to the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* in December 1999.

In 1999, Queensland adopted the Australian Road Rules into state legislation by introducing the Queensland Road Rules (QRR). Section 299(1) of the QRR prohibits a driver from operating a television receiver or visual display if the image is visible to the driver or is likely to distract other drivers.

There is an exemption within this rule which allows visual display units to be operated if they form part of a driver's aid. Section 299(2) provides examples of driver's aids which includes navigational or intelligent highway and vehicle system equipment.

This means that navigational systems are not prohibited from being used as driver's aids in vehicles.