

Question on Notice

No. 1100

Asked on Tuesday, 27 October 2015

MR MILLAR asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade (HON J TRAD) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if the Labor Government is currently investigating options to introduce GPS tracking on all trucks in Queensland and introduce heavy vehicle charging?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gregory for the question.

The current nationally agreed heavy vehicle charging model is known as Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO), which was implemented in 1995. PAYGO is collected in two parts, the fuel excise based road user charge collected by the Australian Government and an annual heavy vehicle registration collected by the states and territories.

Reform of the current National heavy vehicle system is progressing under the banner of Heavy Vehicle Road Reform (HVRR). Previously work was undertaken via the Council of Australian Governments Road Reform Plan (CRRP) and Heavy Vehicle Charging and Investment (HVCI).

On 22 May 2015 the Transport and Infrastructure Council chaired by the Honourable Warren Truss MP, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development of which I am a member, agreed to an indicative high level reform path for HVRR. This reform path has four phases with phase one focused on initial activities for planning and investment reform. Phases two and three will focus on economic regulation, revenue distribution and linking key elements of the reform.

Charging reform investigations are planned to occur in phase four, provided there is agreement from governments. No decisions have been made on any new mechanism of assessing charging, such as GPS tracking. The community and industry will be consulted on any future charging options.