



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Inquiry into Young Driver Safety and Education Programs

Recent statistics on the involvement of young drivers in road accidents indicate that males under 26 are overrepresented in road crashes and fatalities in NSW. The Committee is concerned about this trend and will undertake to examine the underlying causes and issues resulting in such accidents. In addition, the Staysafe Committee will examine the availability and effectiveness of appropriate driver education programs to target this sector of the driving population.

Against this background, the Committee will inquire into and report on the factors involved in young driver road traffic accidents and fatalities, with particular reference to:

- a) the current incidence of road crashes involving young drivers in NSW;
- b) underlying risks and major factors contributing to such crashes;
- c) differences in driving behaviour, crash outcomes and relevant trends in urban and rural areas of NSW;
- d) the availability and appropriateness of current diversionary and educational programs for young offenders involved in serious traffic violations;
- e) the efficacy of young driver education programs and the potential for development and expansion of these programs, subject to proper evaluation;
- f) other initiatives to improve young driver safety; and
- g) any other relevant matters.