

STAYSAFE

**Report of a visit of inspection to Europe and
North America by a delegation of
the STAYSAFE Committee,
3 March 2000-24 March 2000**

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Report of a study tour to Europe and North America by a delegation of the STAYSAFE Committee, March 2000

This report of the STAYSAFE Committee documents the activities undertaken by a delegation of the Committee who participated in a visit of inspection to Europe and North America in March 2000 to investigate road safety issues.

A delegation of the STAYSAFE Committee conducted a visit of inspection to Europe and North America over the period Friday 3 March 2000 to Friday 24 March 2000 to investigate road safety issues, including: attendance at the 65th Road Safety Congress of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents at Plymouth; and investigations of issues in driver licensing; and social, cultural and ethnicity issues in road safety.

The delegation comprised: the Hon. Andrew Manson MLC (Vice Chairman), and the Hon. John Jobling MLC, Opposition Whip. Mr Ian Faulks, of the STAYSAFE Committee secretariat, accompanied the delegation.

The Hon. Andrew Manson MLC and the Hon. John Jobling MLC reported to the STAYSAFE Committee at its meeting of Friday 5 May 2000.

During the visit of inspection, meetings were held in England, Canada and the United States.

ENGLAND

In England, the delegation attended the 65th Road Safety Congress of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, Plymouth. Significant papers presented at the conference examined issues such as: the new United Kingdom road safety strategy; the development of the Global Road Safety Partnership; European Union perspectives on road safety and transport safety; and community level interventions to improve road safety.

In England, the delegation also received briefings and discussions in meetings with the following persons:

- Dr Goff Jacobs, Transport Research Laboratory, concerning social, cultural and ethnicity issues in road safety
- Mr Andrew Howard, Automobile Association, concerning the role of a demutualised motoring advocacy organisation
- Mr Brian Langer, AA Foundation for Road Safety, concerning current research projects funded by the Foundation
- Ms Gwynneth Dunwoody MP, Chairman, House of Commons Transport Subcommittee, and staff, concerning Parliamentary scrutiny of road safety policy and programs
- Ms Helen Tudor and Ms Valerie Davies, Road Safety Branch, Department of Environment, Transport and The Regions, concerning the new United Kingdom

road safety strategy, and also issues associated with the collection, analysis and publication of statistical data about road trauma

- Mr Robert Gifford, Parliamentary Advisory Council on Transport Safety (PACTS) and staff, concerning the interaction processes between elected representatives and experts in road safety

WASHINGTON DC

In Washington DC, the delegation received briefings and discussions in meetings with the following persons:

- Mr Brian O'Neill, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, and staff concerning driver fatigue, older drivers, and social, cultural and ethnic issues in traffic safety
- Ms Kathryn Henry, Public and Consumer Affairs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, concerning drink driving
- Mr Jim Frank, Traffic Safety Programs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, concerning repeat traffic offenders
- Mr Richard Compton, Traffic Safety Programs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, concerning aggressive driving
- Mr John Eberhard, Traffic Safety Programs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, concerning older drivers
- Mr Eugene Peterson, Traffic Safety Programs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, concerning ethnicity issues in traffic safety
- Mr Jeff Michael, Traffic Safety Programs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, concerning rural traffic safety
- Mr Bob Chan, Safety Performance, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, concerning vehicle crash testing programs
- Mr Glen Karr, State and Community Services, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, concerning community programs in traffic safety
- Mr Gerry Donaldson and Mr Henry Jasny, of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, concerning older drivers, pedestrian safety, social cultural and ethnicity issues in traffic safety, and rural traffic safety
- Mr Neil Thomas and Ms Deborah Freund, of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, concerning driver fatigue and the reform of the regulatory environment for commercial road transport
- Mr Barry Sweedler, National Transportation Safety Board, and staff concerning the investigation of traffic crashes and the formulation of safety recommendations to address traffic safety issues

As well, while in Washington DC the delegation also took the opportunity to:

- Attend a dinner with senior executives of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, and the National Transport Safety Board
- Inspect the mechanical investigation, auditory investigation, and computer simulation laboratories of the National Transportation Safety Board—these laboratories are responsible for the retrieval and analysis of crash recorders and other relevant evidence recovered from road, air, rail, and maritime incidents

QUEBEC

In Quebec City, the delegation received briefings and discussions in meetings with the following persons:

- M. Jean-Yves Gagnon, Société de l'assurance-automobile du Québec, and staff concerning the Quebec graduated driver licensing scheme and other driver licensing issues, and the Quebec vehicle ignition interlock program
- Ms Christiane Brousseau, of Guardian Interlock Systems, and staff concerning the Quebec vehicle ignition interlock program

ONTARIO

In Toronto, Ontario, the delegation held discussions with:

- Mr Ian Marples, of Guardian Interlock Systems, concerning alcohol ignition interlock programs in North America

BRITISH COLUMBIA

In Victoria, British Columbia, the delegation received briefings and discussions in meetings with the following persons:

- The Hon. Joy MacPhail MP, Minister of Labour and Minister Responsible for the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, concerning traffic safety and vehicle insurance issues
- Mr Greg Basham, of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, and staff concerning driver licensing and traffic safety programs
- Ms Claire Dansereau, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transportation and Highways, concerning driver licensing and traffic safety programs
- Ms Jan Broocke, Director, British Columbia Motor Carrier Commission, concerning the regulation of commercial carriers
- Ms Kimberly MacLean and staff, of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, and other staff concerning graduated driver licensing schemes

HAWAII

In Honolulu, Hawaii, the delegation received briefings and discussions in meetings with the following persons:

- Mr Roy Nishida, of the Governor's Office - Kauai, regarding the Hawaii injury prevention and control program
- Mr Eric Tash, of the Injury Prevention and Control Program, Department of Health, and staff concerning traffic safety and injury prevention issues
- Mr Kazu Hayashida, Director of Transportation, Department of Transportation, and staff concerning driver licensing and traffic safety programs
- Sergeant Bob Lung, Honolulu Police, concerning traffic policing
- Ms Janice Meeker, Department of Education, concerning traffic safety education programs