

## STAYSAFE COMMITTEE

### INQUIRY INTO DRIVER EDUCATION AND ROAD SAFETY

Supplementary questions: Mr Bernard Carlon, Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW

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- How many copies of 65Plus have been distributed: 100,000 plus copies have been distributed.
- CRS will send a copy of the 65Plus booklet to the Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association.

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- Reduction in fatalities associated with heavy vehicles: In 2006 there were 98 fatalities; by 2015 that had reduced to 57—a reduction of 40.

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- Percentage of new vehicles available for purchase that comply with that five star rating: For all light vehicles under 4.5 tonnes (car, SUV and light truck) 49.5% ( a total of 1,104 model variants which includes both popular and less popular model variants) of all models available to purchase in Australia are ANCAP 5 star rated.
- Approximately 88% of Australian light vehicle sales during 2016 were of models holding a 5 star ANCAP safety rating.

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- Average distance from home that motorists drive in the Sydney Metropolitan Area: Data from the NSW Bureau of Transport Statistics indicates that in 2014/15 a vehicle driver, on average, travelled 9.5 km per trip. Note that this data has been taken from the Household Travel Survey which only looks at travel patterns in the Sydney Greater Metropolitan Area (Sydney, Lower Hunter and Illawarra regions - <http://www.bts.nsw.gov.au/Statistics/Household-Travel-Survey/default.aspx#top>) and includes a range of trip purposes. Data that Transport for NSW and RMS collects does not provide a NSW average, or regional estimates.
- The Bureau of Transport, Infrastructure and Regional Economics has also generated estimates of average commuting distance for major cities and regions, based on the

shortest path of road network distance. This research estimate is not directly comparable to the NSW trip estimate, however it shows that average commuting distances for the rest of the state are generally higher than the corresponding metropolitan areas and that in remote locations the average commute is substantially longer than other areas. In NSW, the average commuting distance in Sydney was 15km compared to 17.2km in the 'rest of NSW' (average for the rest of NSW includes both regional centres and more remote locations).

[https://bitre.gov.au/publications/2015/files/is\\_073.pdf](https://bitre.gov.au/publications/2015/files/is_073.pdf)