

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 666

LEANNE CASTLEY MLA: To ask the Attorney-General -

1. What contact did the Attorney-General have with the ACT Motor Traders Association and other relevant stakeholders regarding the removal of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Advisory Committee in Part 9 of the *Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Act 2025*.
2. What feedback did the Attorney-General receive from the motor vehicle repair industry in relation to the *Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Act 2025*; if comprehensive feedback was not received, why did the Attorney-General seek to remove the advisory committee.
3. Can the Attorney-General indicate where in the *Fair Trading (Motor Vehicle Repair Industry) Act 2010* the sale of motor vehicles is mentioned, given that in remarks on the removal of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Advisory Committee, the Attorney-General stated that “many of the regulatory issues in the sector arise from the sale as well as repair of motor vehicles”.

TARA CHEYNE MLA - The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

1. I have not had contact with the ACT Motor Traders Association (ACT MTA) and other relevant stakeholders regarding the removal of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Advisory Committee (Committee).
The Committee was established under s39 of the *Fair Trading (Motor Vehicle Repair Industry) Act 2010* (the Act). Formal committee appointments expired in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, however, members continued to meet annually until late 2023.
There were no meetings in 2024 as the ACT MTA was undergoing changes. The ACT MTA was ‘re-launched’ on 29 July 2025 and is now under the umbrella of the NSW Motor Trades’ Association.
2. I received feedback about concern from the industry that the Committee was being removed from the Act before the next mechanism for consultation is established.

As a result of discussions with the Canberra Liberals, an amendment was prepared and passed¹ which means that Committee will be removed once the new ACT Motor Vehicle Industry Stakeholder Meeting (AMVISM) has met. This is scheduled for the end of October.

¹Refer to the Hansard pp1446-1452.

3. The sale of motor vehicles is not legislated in the Act. I refer the Member to the *Sale of Motor Vehicle Act 1977* as the relevant Act.

By engaging a wider range of stakeholders and a broader term of reference, the new AMVISM is better positioned to drive coordinated outcomes and industry-wide improvements, beyond the narrower scope of the Committee.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Attorney-General

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