

6. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Mr Jonathan Gillard

Mr Gillard attended and spoke to the Committee regarding the representations he had made to Hon Harry Duynhoven, Associate Minister of Transport regarding the proposed amendments to the Land Transport Rule, Vehicle Equipment - (Rule 32017), regarding vehicle noise emissions. Copies of the correspondence between Mr Gillard and the Associate Minister, together with a copy of his correspondence to the Chairman had been previously distributed to members with the agenda and Mr Gillard also tabled copies of further additional correspondence at the meeting. Mr Gillard expressed his concern at the amendments to the rule regarding vehicle exhaust noise and the change to the wording relating to exhaust systems in respect of Rule 2.7(1) and 2.7(3). In his view these were not consistent with the overview released in June 2003 which was more specific in requiring efficient exhaust systems which reduced vehicle noise.

The opportunity was taken for discussion at the conclusion of Mr Gillard's presentation and the Committee **decided** that a letter be sent under the Chairman's signature to the Associate Minister of Transport seeking an appointment with him to discuss this issue in person, together with Mr Gillard and that the matter also be discussed with the Land Transport Safety Authority and reported back to the July 2004 meeting of the Committee.