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Undertaking # 53

MPI to inquire as to whether the decision not to evaluate the performance of the MPI high school driver education program in terms of collisions, convictions, and suspensions was done at the request of MPI.

Undertaking # 54

MPI to indicate if it plans to place additional training in hazard anticipation skills into the Manitoba high school program.

Undertaking # 55

MPI to clarify what is meant by "test unreliability" and indicate whether MPI is considering a detailed review of the road test and curriculum content.

RESPONSE:

The Corporation is unable to confirm whether the decision to focus on intermediate outcomes was made solely at the request of MPI, or if this was a decision of the external research team because they were already planning to measure outcomes related to collisions, convictions and suspension in another participating jurisdiction and did not see the need to measure these same outcomes as part of the Manitoba evaluation.

The Corporation can confirm that the scope of work for the High School Driver Education Redevelopment project includes a review of current curriculum with a view to enhancing focus on higher-order learning, including hazard recognition skills, risk assessment skills, scanning skills, and decision making skills. Please refer to the High School Driver Education Redevelopment Program Charter filed at Volume III, AI.10.

"Test unreliability" in this evaluation refers to the extent to which driving tests have any effect on driver performance. The Corporation confirms that a review of curriculum content is included in the scope of work for the High School Driver Education Redevelopment project, as are strategies to close the time gap between completion of the driver education program and eligibility to challenge the provincial road test.