

TRANSPORT OF DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE AND RECIPROCITY  
OF THIRD PARTY INSURANCE



(Statement by the Ministers)

An urgent investigation will be held into the security of drugs of dependence during transport and storage.

State and Commonwealth Transport Ministers decided this today (July 10) at a meeting of the Australian Transport Advisory Council in Port Moresby.

The move followed instances of large quantities of addictive drugs being stolen or lost in transit in various parts of Australia.

This has caused serious concern among health authorities and members of the National Standing Committee on Drugs Dependence.

Ministers will ask the Advisory Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Drugs to investigate the problem in conjunction with representatives of the National Standing Committee.

Ministers also decided today to seek legislation in all States and Territories to bring about compulsory third party insurance throughout Australia.

They noted advice from the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General that there are no Constitutional difficulties in the way of States and Territories legislating complete reciprocity between jurisdictions in the recognition of third party insurance policies.

The Minister's decision was aimed at ensuring complete reciprocity between the States and Territories in registration and administration of third party insurance.

PORT MORESBY, T.P.N.G.

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

10 JULY 1970