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Comment

regarding the proposed heavy vehicle charges increase for 2021-22: If current rates of charging are under-recovering (by 13.4%) the cost of maintaining our road networks as a result of damage caused by heavy vehicles, then it is appropriate in terms of user-pay principles for heavy vehicle charges to be increased significantly in 2021-22, not just 2.5%. Yes, the increased costs will, in-time, filter through to the consumers of goods; that should not be considered a problem, when inflation is relatively low, as it is at present.