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Western Queensland MP Vaughan Johnson has asked the State Government to investigate why road train drivers have been fined for what he says are minor breaches over bullbars.

Mr Johnson, the Member for Gregory, says a recent police blitz near Longreach in the state's central-west saw truck drivers being fined hundreds of dollars over non-compliance issues with road trains.

He told State Parliament one livestock transport company reported \$8,000 worth of fines.

Mr Johnson says he has asked Police Minister Jack Dempsey and Transport and Main Roads Minister Scott Emerson to look into it.

He also told Parliament some drivers were fined because the signs on the front of the truck were trimmed to fit on bullbars.

"This is a very professional industry," he said.

"The victimisation of these drivers, these \$600 fines are totally out of the ordinary.

"We have a situation where the verticals in those bullbars are less than 600 millimetres.

"Therefore the ends are cut off those signs by a couple of millimetres on either end."

The ABC has contacted the Queensland Police Service for comment.