

PRACTICAL DRIVING ASSESSMENTS — AUDIT

555. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the review into shortages in availability of practical driving assessment, or PDA, bookings and the Department of Transport's move to conduct audits of learner's permits and PDA bookings, as outlined in Driving Instructor bulletin 04/22, "Driving Instructor Learner's Permit Audit".

- (1) When will the audits commence?
- (2) How often will the audits be conducted, and how will they be carried out?
- (3) What action will be taken against those driving instructors who make multiple and speculative bookings?
- (4) Will the results of the audits be published and made publicly available in the interests of transparency?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) Audits began in March 2022 and are conducted every six months. The Department of Transport will remove instructor access to the system if an instructor is found to be using it for a business advantage. Further actions will be assessed following the conclusion of investigations.