

ROAD SAFETY — LICENCE DISQUALIFICATION NOTICES

**391. Mr M.W. SUTHERLAND to the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the government's recently announced disqualification notice legislation that came into effect one week ago. Can the minister advise the house how these laws are operating and what they mean for the community?

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:**

I would like to thank the member for his question. The Road Traffic Legislation Amendment (Disqualification by Notice) Act 2010 came into effect last Wednesday. It has had an amazing impact. Already 188 disqualification notices have been issued under this act. That is 188 drink-drivers we have managed to take off the road. It is quite interesting when we drill down and look at who these people are. I think we will have some pretty fine examples of the effect alcohol has on brain function when I highlight some of the examples of these people in just a moment. Before I go there I would like to put on the record my appreciation of the efforts of the member for Hillarys in bringing this legislation to cabinet and through the house. It will have a really great impact in getting drink-drivers off the road.

The following are some examples of people I referred to before. I was privy to this information because I had a familiarisation visit at the traffic operation centre and went inside a booze bus—for the first time, I would like to put on the record. The team that showed me through the booze bus said that on that night they had intercepted a fellow who blew .05 per cent blood alcohol content. He had previously had a .05 offence, so he was issued with a summons rather than an infringement. But then an hour after blowing .05, he went down the road, got into his car and drove again. This time, members, his count was .08 per cent. He was issued with a disqualification notice on that .08 offence, so he now has two offences to defend when he goes to court down the track. That same police crew was deployed the next night to Joondalup. The member for Joondalup might be interested in the effect of this legislation in getting a dangerous driver off the road in his area. A 46-year-old male was pulled over and blew .08 per cent BAC at Joondalup and was issued with a disqualification notice.

**Ms M.M. Quirk:** Is this the subject of proceedings. Do you think it is appropriate to talk about it?

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girrawheen!

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** The person who blew .08 hopped into his car and drove down the road. His blood alcohol level came down; he blew .05 per cent the second time he was intercepted. He had his car impounded for contravening a disqualification notice. Those are two examples of 188 drink-drivers that this legislation has been effective in getting off the road. I think this demonstrates the Liberal state government's commitment to improving road safety outcomes for the state and proves that our legislation is effective in getting repeat drink-drivers off the road for the safety of the community.