

DRIVERS LICENCE TESTING — WAITING TIMES

5285. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) What are the current waiting times for drivers licence testing at each of the following Department of Transport Licensing Centres —
  - (a) Joondalup;
  - (b) Kelmscott;
  - (c) Mandurah;
  - (d) Midland;
  - (e) Morley;
  - (f) Rockingham;
  - (g) Welshpool;
  - (h) West Perth; and
  - (i) Willagee?
- (2) How are these waiting times calculated?
- (3) Can the Minister explain why people believe there is a seven week to three month waiting period before testing can take place?
- (4) What is the current average waiting time for someone to do their drivers licence assessment?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

The Member would know that, according to information made public by the previous Government, of which he was a member, as at August 2007 the average waiting time for a person seeking a driving test was 10 weeks.

- (1) The following data illustrates the number of workings days before the next available practical driving assessment appointment, current as at 12.40pm Tuesday 20 March 2012:
  - (a) Next available appointment 2 working days.
  - (b) Next available appointment 19 working days.
  - (c) Next available appointment 41 working days.
  - (d) Next available appointment 7 working days.
  - (e) Next available appointment 30 working days.
  - (f) Next available appointment 9 working days.
  - (g) Next available appointment 4 working days.
  - (h) Next available appointment 1 working day.
  - (i) Next available appointment 29 working days.
- (2) The wait time for a practical driving assessment is calculated by the number of days until the next available appointment.
- (3) The Minister is not privy to the views of individuals to whom this question relates.
- (4) The current average wait time for a client to sit their practical driving assessment within the metropolitan area is 15.8 working days, current as at 12.40pm, 20 March 2012. .