

TAXIDRIVERS — LEASE PLATES

5291. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) How many Government lease plates were returned to the Department of Transport in —
    - (a) 2009;
    - (b) 2010; and
    - (c) 2011?
  - (2) For the plates returned in 2009, 2010 and 2011 how many were related to —
    - (a) non-payment of lease fees;
    - (b) illness;
    - (c) retirement;
    - (d) unsuitability to operate as a taxi driver; and
    - (e) other?
  - (3) For the plates returned in 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the breakdown relating to plate type —
    - (a) conventional;
    - (b) MPT;
    - (c) peak period; and
    - (d) area restricted?
  - (4) What happened to these plates upon their return?
  - (5) If these plates were reissued, how long did it take to reissue each plate?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (1)
  - (a) 24
  - (b) 36
  - (c) 61
- (2) (a)–(e) 121
- (3) (a)–(d) 121
- (4) The plates are destroyed.
- (5) Only new plates are issued.