

TAXIDRIVERS — DEMERIT POINT SYSTEM

136. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Was the article headed “Cabbie ban plan”, in *The Sunday Times* on 29 January 2012, correct about the details of the proposed demerit point system for taxidriviers that has been provided to the Taxi Council of WA for feedback?
- (2) If no to (1), what was incorrect about the details?
- (3) Does the introduction of the demerit point system require legislative changes?
- (4) If yes to (3), when will the necessary legislation be introduced into Parliament?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Department of Transport advises —

- (1) No.
- (2) Aspects that were criticised by the Labor opposition in the article entitled, “Labor attacks taxi driver demerit plan”, in *The West Australian* on 30 January were incorrect, as was the second dot point in *The Sunday Times* article on 29 January, “A second three-month ban if they exceed 24 points”, which should have read “a six-month ban if they lose their points for a second time”. Note that on return from the ban, the driver is on probation and only has six points.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The legislation will be introduced after cabinet approval.