

DRIVERS' LICENCES — BARCODE FUNCTION

5046. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) What is the purpose of the barcode on new drivers' licences?
 - (2) What function will the barcode have?
 - (3) How does the barcode improve the security of drivers' licences?
 - (4) How will the barcode be used?
 - (5) What agencies or organisations will have access to a driver's information using the barcode?
 - (6) What data can be accessed using the barcode on a driver's licence?
 - (7) Does the Minister propose to link any other functions or government departments to the barcode?
 - (8) What guarantees will there be to ensure that the barcode cannot be used to access more personal information?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises as at 29 November 2011:

- (1) To improve customer service by expediting transaction time and reducing manual input.
- (2) It will simplify and enable faster access to the driver's licence record.
- (3) The barcode complements the security features of the new driver's licence card and ensure that details displayed on the card match the driver's licence record.
- (4) Department of Transport personnel will use the barcode to access the respective driver's licence record when an individual attends a licensing centre to conduct a driver's licence transaction.
- (5) Primarily Department of Transport and its Driver and Vehicle Services agents.
- (6) At present, none, as the barcode strings have not been developed yet.
- (7) It is not intended that the barcode will be used for any other purpose or by any other agencies other than the Department of Transport and its Driver and Vehicle Service agents, plus the possibility of the Western Australian Police.
- (8) As detailed above, the barcode will only be used to expedite access to customer information for driver's licence purposes.