

TAXI CAMERA SURVEILLANCE UNITS — FAULTS

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

I refer to the requirement for taxi operators to have a Department of Transport–approved taxi camera surveillance unit installed.

- (1) Is the minister aware that a department-approved TCSU is subject to condensation build-up in the rooftop camera and may therefore be ineffective in identifying offenders when required?
- (2) If yes, what action is the minister taking to remedy this situation?
- (3) Will the Department of Transport replace all the faulty cameras; and, if yes, when will this occur?
- (4) Have taxidrivers been informed of the faulty cameras?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Department of Transport has been in contact with the manufacturer and has been informed that it is a fault affecting a small number of units. The department is continuing to liaise with the manufacturer on this issue.
- (3) The manufacturer has advised that the faulty external units are covered under warranty, irrespective of whether the unit is still within the warranty period.
- (4) Drivers are being asked to regularly check external cameras and contact their camera installer if condensation is observed. Both major taxi dispatch services are taking action to inform their respective fleets.
- (5) Not applicable.