

MOTORISTS — MANDATORY REPORTING OF MEDICAL CONDITIONS

3510. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) How many drivers in Western Australia in the 2009-10 financial year voluntarily completed the Mandatory Reporting of Medical Conditions M109B form?
 - (2) Of those from (1), who have voluntarily disclosed a Medical Condition, how many people have received a letter from the Department of Transport referring them to have a Medical Assessment Certificate – Fitness to Drive Form M107A completed by their GP?
 - (3) How many of those medical assessments identified people as having a mental illness?
 - (4) How many of those medical assessments identified people as receiving medication for a mental illness?
 - (5) How many people identified with a mental illness have received a letter, stating their licence status is amended as under —
 - (a) daylight driving only;
 - (b) to drive an automatic car only; and
 - (c) to take medication as prescribed?
 - (6) How many people assessed as having a mental illness under the Medical Assessment Certificate Fitness to Drive Form M107A, have been termed ‘unfit to drive’, and have had their licence suspended?
 - (7) Over what period of time does that suspension apply?
 - (8) Have they been given access to Taxi vouchers under the Taxi voucher scheme for the duration of their suspension?
 - (9) If no to (8), why not?
 - (10) Can the Minister outline the appeals mechanism for people assessed throughout this process who have a grievance?
 - (11) Is the Minister for Transport aware that from the moment a person completes the Mandatory Reporting of Medical Conditions M109B form, it can take up to three months to get a final letter confirming any conditions being placed on a person’s licence?
 - (12) Does the Minister for Transport consider this acceptable?
 - (13) If yes to (12), why?
 - (14) Is the Minister confident that this legislation is catching all the people who it was designed to take off the road to improve road safety in Western Australia?
 - (15) If no to (14), what further measures does the Minister intend to take?
 - (16) For those who complete the Mandatory reporting of Medical Conditions, what are the criteria used to assess people with mental health conditions?

Hon SIMON O’BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (1) 12 900 approximately.
- (2) 4 500 approximately.
- (3)-(4) Type of medical condition not recorded.
- (5)-(9) Not applicable
- (10) The Department of Transport's Internal Review and/or the State Administrative Tribunal.
- (11)-(12) Yes
- (13) Reports are assessed case by case and seriousness of the condition.
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