

TAXIDRIVER — ALLEGED ASSAULT

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

I refer to an article in the *Eastern Suburbs Reporter* on 29 May 2012, “Woman’s terrifying 3am taxi ride”.

- (1) What action has the Department of Transport taken regarding the issues raised in this article?
- (2) Has an investigation been completed; and, if yes, what was the outcome?
- (3) Has the driver involved in the alleged incident had their licence cancelled or suspended; and, if yes, on what date did this occur and how long is any suspension for?
- (4) Has the department, police or any taxi dispatch service received any previous complaints or allegations regarding the driver involved in this incident; and, if yes, what was the nature and date of the previous alleged incident?

Hon SIMON O’BRIEN replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The Department of Transport referred the issues to the Western Australia Police sexual assault squad. The investigation by Western Australia Police is ongoing.