

ROAD RULES — KEEPING TO THE LEFT

5716. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- (1) Under what circumstances is it an offence for a motorist to remain in the right hand lane in a dual carriageway?
 - (2) What Act and regulation apply?
 - (3) What is the penalty?
 - (4) How many motorists have been charged successfully with this offence in,
 - (a) 2005;
 - (b) 2006; and
 - (c) so far in 2007?
 - (5) How many warnings have been handed out by Police for this offence in each of these periods?

Hon JON FORD replied:

- (1) Where there are 2 or more marked lanes that are available exclusively for vehicles travelling in the same direction and the speed limit is 90 km/h and above; or there is a "keep left unless overtaking" sign that applies to that part of the carriageway, or both.
- (2) Regulation 113 of the Road Traffic Code 2000.
- (3) 1 Penalty Unit (\$50.00) and 2 demerit points.
- (4) (a)-(b) Due to a change in recording systems this data is not available.
(c) As of 7 December 2007 there have been 7461 infringements and 9 court briefs issued.
- (5) Cautions are not recorded.