

DRIVING ASSESSMENTS — MARGARET RIVER

676. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

Margaret River-based driving tests were transferred on 3 July 2008 from the Margaret River police to the Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

- (1) What additional funding has been allocated by DPI to conduct the tests?
- (2) How often and for what period of time will a DPI assessor operate in Margaret River to conduct driving tests and how many assessments will be conducted each week?
- (3) How many additional staff members have been employed by DPI to achieve this?
- (4) Where and how will bookings be made for these driving tests?
- (5) How many full-time equivalents were employed at the licensing centre in Busselton in June 2007, and how many are currently employed at the centre?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The service will be provided from within existing resources.
- (2) Driver assessments will be conducted fortnightly on an ongoing basis, and it is anticipated that approximately seven assessments will be conducted each fortnight—that figure is probably based on recent trends.
- (3) The service will be provided from within existing resources.
- (4) Bookings can be made at any Department for Planning and Infrastructure licensing office or agent, including those at Margaret River, or by calling the department's customer contact centre.
- (5) Although there is no Department for Planning and Infrastructure licensing centre in Busselton, one departmental driver assessor operated from Busselton in June 2007. Currently, two driver assessors are located in Busselton.