

DRIVING INSTRUCTORS - SOUTH WEST REGION

**590. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:**

- (1) At what locations in the south west region are driving tests performed?
- (2) In which of these locations does a driving instructor from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure carry out these tests, and in which locations is it the role of a police officer to carry out these tests?
- (3) What training does a driving instructor from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure undergo before receiving a qualification to carry out these tests?
- (4) What training does a police officer undergo before receiving a qualification to carry out these tests?
- (5) Does the government intend to replace driving instructors from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure with police officers?

**Hon ADELE FARINA replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) They are performed in Augusta, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown, Bunbury, Collie, Donnybrook, Harvey, Manjimup, Margaret River and Nannup.
- (2) Motor driver's licence assessors operate in Bunbury and Busselton. A Department for Planning and Infrastructure contractor operates in Collie and police operate in all the other places.
- (3) Since 1999, assessors employed by DPI have been trained to the level of module BSZ402A conduct assessment, which is a module from certificate IV in workplace training and assessment BSZ98.
- (4) DPI does not provide training to Western Australia Police unless requested. However, in accordance with the business rules and procedures for police officers undertaking assessments, the role of the officer is to admit onto our roads as drivers or riders only those persons who have clearly demonstrated that they possess an ability to perform activities within the driving function to a standard expected for licensing. These standards are clearly defined in the business rules provided by DPI to Western Australia Police.
- (5) No.