

DRIVERS LICENCES, ELDERLY DRIVERS, FORM COMPLETED BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

2565. Mr M.G. House to the Minister for Health

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Department for Planning and Infrastructure form that medical practitioners are required to complete for drivers over the age of 75 years explicitly states 'This form is not to be returned to the person subject of the report'?
- (2) Will the Minister advise if medical practitioners are able to provide a copy of the abovementioned form to the person subject of the report?
- (3) If not, does the Minister accept that by not providing their patient, the person subject of the report, the medical practitioner may be in breach of the *Privacy Act 1988*?
- (4) What steps will the Minister take to ensure that medical practitioners are able to comply with both the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988* and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) A medical practitioner may provide a copy of the form to the subject of the report if the person requests it.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Not applicable.