

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on Notice – 2982

Taxi drivers charged with offences 2014 (Q1)	Alleged charge(s) (Q2)	Taxi Authority suspended/ cancelled (Q3)	Date of decision to suspend/ cancel taxi authority (Q4)	DoT considerations (Q5)
1.	1x Possess a Prohibited Drug (Cannabis) 1x Cultivate a Prohibited Plant 1x Possess Drug Paraphernalia containing prohibited drug/plant	Yes	29/01/2014	
2.	1 x Aggravated AOBH 1 x Aggravated Burglary and Commit Offence in Dwelling 1 x Threaten to Kill 1 x Criminal Damage or Destruction of Property 1 x Being Armed in a way that may cause Fear 2 x Criminal Damage by Fire 1 x Unlawful Damage 1 x Common Assault in Circumstances of Aggravation	Yes	04/02/2014	
3.	2 X Possess Drug Paraphernalia containing prohibited drug/plant	Yes	21/02/2014	

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4.	3 x Aggravated Sexual Penetration without Consent (Agg 01/12/04) 1 x Aggravated Indecent Assault	Yes	04/02/2014	
5.	1 x Deprivation of Liberty 1 x Sexual Penetration without Consent 1 x Indecent Assault	Yes	10/02/2014	
6.	1 x Common Assault	Yes	12/03/2014	
7.	1 x Indecent Assault	Yes	26/02/2014	
8.	1 x Aggravated AOBH 1 x Possess a Prohibited Drug (Cannabis) 1 x Possession of Prohibited Drugs with Intent to Sell or Supply 1 x Possess a Prohibited Drug (Cannabis)	Yes	12/05/2014	
9.	1 x Common Assault	Yes	30/04/2014	
10.	1 x Grievous Bodily Harm	Yes	13/03/2014	

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11.	2 x Indecently Dealt with a Child Over 13 Under 16 5 x Sexual Penetrated a Child Under 13 3 x Indecent Deals with Child Under 13 Years 4 x Sexually Penetrated Child over 13 under 16 1 x Sexual Relationship with a Child under the Age of 16	Yes	11/03/2014	
12.	1 x Common Assault in Circumstances of Aggravation	Yes	12/03/2014	
13.	2 x Stealing	Yes	03/04/2014	
14.	1 x Gains Benefit by Fraud	Yes	11/06/2014	
15.	1 x Child under 16: persistent sexual conduct with	Yes	28/04/2014	
16.	1 x Carried (possessed) an article with intent to cause fear	Yes	30/05/2014	
17.	1 x Murder	Yes	09/06/2014	
18.	3 x Breach of a Violence Restraining Order	Yes	26/06/2014	
19.	1 x Common Assault	Yes	09/07/2014	

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20.	11 x Gains Benefit by Fraud	Yes	29/07/2014	
21.	1 x Indecent act in public 1 x Disorderly behaviour in a police station or lockup	Yes	01/08/2014	
22.	1 x (Att) Gains Benefit by Fraud 1 x Gains Benefit by Fraud	Yes	14/08/2014	
23.	1 x Stealing	Yes	08/09/2014	
24.	1 x Possess Methyl amphetamine With Intent to Sell/Supply	Yes	09/10/2014	
25.	1 x Breach of a Violence Restraining Order	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2008. • No previous criminal convictions since 1994. • Alleged offence involved driver sending one (1) text message to his ex-partner contrary to terms of the restraining order. No evidence of violence involved. • DoT wrote to taxi driver advising any further charges would lead to suspension/cancellation.

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26.	1x Common Assault	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority for over three (3) years with no previous complaints. • No criminal convictions of any nature since 2002. • Driver was involved in a road rage incident in which he was driven off the road by other driver who then proceeded to threaten his wife who was a passenger in the vehicle. An altercation took place that resulted in the alleged charge. The victim required no medical attention and was subsequently charged with dangerous driving. • DoT wrote taxi driver advising any further charges would lead to suspension/cancellation.
27.	1x Criminal Damage or Destruction of Property	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No criminal convictions of any nature. • Alleged offence involves the damage to another vehicle as a consequence of the driver confronting the perpetrator of a road rage incident. • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Driver was subsequently convicted of the offence; however the Court imposed a spent conviction order which prohibits DoT from considering the conviction when assessing the driver's suitability (Section 22 Spent Conviction Act 1988).
28.	1 x Disorderly behaviour in a public place 1 x Disorderly behaviour in a public place	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2000 with no previous complaints. • No previous criminal convictions since 2002. • Driver allegedly relieved himself late at night in the open. Driver claimed he was unable to wait to find a public toilet. • Insufficient grounds to determine driver not of good character to continue to hold taxi authority based on these offences.

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29.	1 x Disorderly behaviour in a public place	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2007 with no previous complaints. • Driver was allegedly relieved himself behind a building late at night. • Insufficient grounds to determine driver not of good character to continue to hold taxi authority based on this offence.
30.	1x Common Assault 1 x Unlawful Damage	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No previous criminal convictions of any nature. • No complaints on record of any nature. • Alleged offence occurred 01/11/2013 and involved a disagreement between landlord and tenant. The driver, the landlord in this matter climbed the fence of the property and tried to cut a padlock on a gate causing minor damage to the padlock. Further, the driver unsuccessfully swung the bolt cutters at the victim in an aggressive manner. The victim was not injured and did not require any medical assistance. • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Driver was subsequently convicted of the offence; however the Court imposed a spent conviction order which prohibits DoT from considering the conviction when assessing the driver's suitability (Section 22 Spent Conviction Act 1988).

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31.	1 x Common Assault in Circumstances of Aggravation	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2003 with no previous complaints. • No criminal or traffic convictions of any nature. • Alleged offence involved a domestic dispute with allegations of violence. The driver allegedly pushed the victim. The victim did not require any medical assistance. • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Driver was subsequently convicted of the offence; however the Court imposed a spent conviction order which prohibits DoT from considering the conviction when assessing the driver's suitability (Section 22 Spent Conviction Act 1988).
32.	1 x Unlawful Damage	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2012. • No previous criminal convictions of any nature. • Alleged incident involved an altercation over a fare resulting in the driver throwing a rock and breaking a window. Driver has paid for repairs. • Driver was interviewed by a panel of DoT staff in relation to circumstances of the charge and satisfied the interview panel that the incident was out of character. • DoT wrote to taxi driver advising any further charges or convictions would lead to suspension/cancellation
33.	1 x Possess Drug Paraphernalia containing prohibited drug/plant	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2009 with no previous complaints. • Alleged incident involved possession of a smoking implement with traces of methyl amphetamine. • DoT wrote to taxi driver advising any further charges or convictions would lead to suspension/cancellation. • Taxi driver subsequently voluntarily surrendered his T extension.

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34.	1 x Disorderly behaviour in a public place 1 x Obstructing public officers	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2010. • No previous criminal convictions since 1999. • Alleged incidents involved a minor disagreement with Police late at night after consuming alcohol. • DoT wrote to taxi driver advising any further charges or convictions would lead to suspension/cancellation.
35.	1 x Stealing	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 1997. • No previous criminal convictions of any nature. • Alleged offence relates to the theft of a mobile phone. • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Driver was convicted of the offence; however the Court imposed a spent conviction order which prohibits DoT from considering the conviction when assessing the driver's suitability (Section 22 Spent Conviction Act 1988).
36.	1 x Common Assault in Circumstances of Aggravation	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2008. • No previous criminal convictions of any nature. • Alleged incident involved a domestic dispute where allegations of violence have been made. Driver contacted Police to attend and voluntarily assisted with their enquiries. The victim did not require medical attention. • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Driver was subsequently convicted of the offence; however the Court imposed a spent conviction order which prohibits DoT from considering the conviction when assessing the driver's suitability (Section 22 Spent Conviction Act 1988).

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37.	1 x Creating a False Belief	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No previous criminal convictions of any nature. • Alleged incident involved driver making a false allegation to Police about an assault against them by a passenger. • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Driver was subsequently convicted of the offence; however the Court imposed a spent conviction order which prohibits DoT from considering the conviction when assessing the driver's suitability (Section 22 Spent Conviction Act 1988).
38.	1 x Unlawful Damage	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2011 with no previous complaints. • No prior criminal convictions of any nature. • The alleged incident involved damage to a cash register. Driver paid the cost of repairs and was issued a fine by the court. • DoT has written to taxi driver advising any further charges or convictions would lead to suspension/cancellation.
39.	1 x Trespassing	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2011. • No previous criminal convictions of any nature. • Alleged incident involved driver returning to Burswood Casino when prohibited from doing so. • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Driver was subsequently convicted of the offence; however the Court imposed a spent conviction order which prohibits DoT from considering the conviction when assessing the driver's suitability (Section 22 Spent Conviction Act 1988).

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40.	1 x Disorderly behaviour in a public place 1 x Possessed a prohibited weapon	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No previous criminal convictions of any nature. • No previous complaints on record. • Alleged incidents involved possession of a set of knuckle dusters which driver denied and a drunken dispute with Police late at night outside a nightclub. • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Driver was subsequently convicted of the offence; however the Court imposed a spent conviction order which prohibits DoT from considering the conviction when assessing the driver's suitability (Section 22 Spent Conviction Act 1988).
41.	1 x Breach of a Violence Restraining Order	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No previous criminal convictions of any nature. • No previous complaints on record. • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Driver was subsequently convicted of the offence; however the Court imposed a spent conviction order which prohibits DoT from considering the conviction when assessing the driver's suitability (Section 22 Spent Conviction Act 1988).

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42.	1 x Criminal Damage or Destruction of Property	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2011. • No previous criminal convictions of any nature. • Alleged incident involved a number of items including cake and photographs being left in the taxi and the driver disposing of them in a rubbish bin. • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Driver was subsequently convicted of the offence; however the Court imposed a spent conviction order which prohibits DoT from considering the conviction when assessing the driver's suitability (Section 22 Spent Conviction Act 1988).
43.	1 x Disorderly behaviour in a public place	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2009 with no complaints. • No previous criminal convictions of any nature. • Alleged incident involved driver using abusive language after parking in a disabled car bay. • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Driver was subsequently convicted of the offence; however the Court imposed a spent conviction order which prohibits DoT from considering the conviction when assessing the driver's suitability (Section 22 Spent Conviction Act 1988).

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44.	2 x Disorderly behaviour in a public place	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2013. • No previous criminal convictions of any nature. • Alleged incidents involved a disagreement with Police after consuming alcohol. • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Driver was subsequently convicted of the offence; however the Court imposed a spent conviction order which prohibits DoT from considering the conviction when assessing the driver's suitability (Section 22 Spent Conviction Act 1988).
45.	1 x Possess a Prohibited Drug (Methyl amphetamine)	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2007 with no complaints. • No previous criminal convictions of any nature. • Alleged offence involved 3 points of methyl amphetamine (10 points equals one gram). • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Charge was subsequently withdrawn by Police.
46.	1 x Trespassing 1 x Unlawful Damage	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2012. • No previous criminal convictions of any nature. • Alleged offence related to neighbour dispute driver scaled a fence and deflated a tyre causing \$10.00 worth of damage. • Driver was convicted of the offences and received a small fine. • DoT wrote to taxi driver advising any further charges or convictions would lead to suspension/cancellation.

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47.	1 x Aggravated AOBH	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2011 with no complaints. • No prior criminal convictions of any nature. • The alleged incident involved a domestic dispute where allegations of assault were made. • Decision was made to review driver's suitability upon court outcome. • Driver was subsequently convicted of the offence; however the Court imposed a spent conviction order which prohibits DoT from considering the conviction when assessing the driver's suitability (Section 22 Spent Conviction Act 1988).
48.	1 x Possessed a prohibited weapon	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver has held taxi authority since 2013 with no complaints. • No prior criminal convictions of any nature. • Alleged incident involved driver carrying a baton in the vehicle which he claimed was for personal safety. • No evidence of driver demonstrating any violent behaviour or using the baton. • DoT wrote to taxi driver advising any further charges or convictions would lead to suspension/cancellation.
49.	1 x Possessed a prohibited weapon 2 x Unlicensed Person Possess Firearm/Ammunition	Yes	25/11/2014	
50.	1 x Failed To Ensure Safe-Keeping of Firearm/Ammunition 1 x Possess Unlicensed Firearm	Yes	12/08/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver's authority had already been suspended for prior offences in 2013.
51.	1 x Possess a Prohibited Drug (Cannabis) 1 x Common Assault	Yes	17/12/2014	

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52.	1 x Unlicensed Vehicle (Owner/Driver)	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor traffic offence. • Insufficient grounds to establish that driver is not of good character to hold Taxi authority.
53.	1 x Unlicensed Vehicle (Owner/Driver)	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor traffic offence. • Insufficient grounds to establish that driver is not of good character to hold Taxi authority.
54.	2 x Exceed speed limit in a speed zone	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offences did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. • Insufficient grounds to establish that driver is not of good character to hold Taxi authority.
55.	1 x Exceed 0.05g alcohol per 100ml of blood	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court imposed licence disqualification order, therefore unable to drive a Taxi. • Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. • DoT wrote to taxi driver advising any further traffic charges or convictions would lead to a review of their suitability to continue to hold the Taxi authority.
56.	2 x Exceed speed limit in a builtup area 1 x No Authority to Drive - Suspended	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate disqualification order issued by Police at time of offence. • Offences did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. • DoT wrote to taxi driver advising any further traffic charges or convictions would lead to a review of their suitability to continue to hold the Taxi authority.

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57.	3 x Exceed speed limit in a speed zone	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offences did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. • DoT wrote to taxi driver advising any further traffic charges or convictions would lead to a review of their suitability to continue to hold the Taxi authority.
58.	1 x Exceed 0.08g alcohol per 100ml of blood	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate disqualification order issued by Police at time of offence, therefore unable to drive a Taxi. • Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. • DoT wrote to taxi driver advising any further traffic charges or convictions would lead to a review of their suitability to continue to hold the Taxi authority.
59.	1 x No Authority to Drive (Fines Suspended)	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court convicted driver and imposed a disqualification from driving. • Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. • DoT wrote to taxi driver advising any further traffic charges or convictions would lead to a review of their suitability to continue to hold the Taxi authority.
60.	1 x No Authority to Drive (Fines Suspended)	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. • Insufficient grounds to establish that driver is not of good character to hold Taxi authority.

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61.	1 x Driver to ensure passenger aged 7yrs under 16yrs restrained	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. • Insufficient grounds to establish that driver is not of good character to hold Taxi authority.
62.	2 x No Authority to Drive (Fines Suspended)	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offences did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. • DoT has written to taxi driver advising any further traffic charges or convictions would lead to a review of their suitability to continue to hold the Taxi authority.
63.	1 x Used a mobile phone whilst driving a vehicle	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. • Insufficient grounds to establish that driver is not of good character to hold Taxi authority.
64.	3 x Exceed speed limit in a speed zone 4 x Exceed speed limit in a builtup area	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court convicted driver and imposed a disqualification from driving, therefore unable to drive a Taxi. • DoT has written to taxi driver advising any further traffic charges or convictions would lead to a review of their suitability to continue to hold the Taxi authority.
65.	1 x Exceed 0.08g alcohol per 100ml of blood	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate disqualification order issued by Police at time of offence, therefore unable to drive a Taxi. • Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. • DoT has written to taxi driver advising any further traffic charges or convictions would lead to a review of their suitability to continue to hold the Taxi authority.

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66.	1 x Drive Under the Influence of Alcohol	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate disqualification order issued by Police at time of offence • Court convicted driver and imposed a disqualification from driving, therefore unable to drive a Taxi. • Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. • DoT wrote to taxi driver advising any further traffic charges or convictions would lead to a review of their suitability to continue to hold the Taxi authority.
67.	1 x Unlicensed Vehicle (Not Owner)	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor traffic offence. • Insufficient grounds to establish that driver is not of good character to hold Taxi authority.
68.	1 x Fail to Affix Registration Label (Owner/Driver)	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor traffic offence. • Insufficient grounds to establish that driver is not of good character to hold Taxi authority.
69.	1 x Careless Driving	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor traffic offence. • Insufficient grounds to establish that driver is not of good character to hold Taxi authority.
70.	1 x Reckless Driving - Excessive speed	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court convicted driver and imposed a disqualification from driving, therefore unable to drive a Taxi. • Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver.
71.	1 x Drive contrary to that indicated by traffic lane arrows	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor traffic offence. • Insufficient grounds to establish that driver is not of good character to hold Taxi authority.

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72.	1 x Exceed speed limit in a speed zone	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor traffic offence. • Insufficient grounds to establish that driver is not of good character to hold Taxi authority.
73.	1 x Unlicensed Vehicle (Owner/Driver)	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor traffic offence. • Insufficient grounds to establish that driver is not of good character to hold Taxi authority.
74.	1 x Driving with prescribed illicit drug	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court convicted driver and imposed a disqualification from driving, therefore unable to drive a Taxi. • Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver.
75.	1 x Contravene 'No Right Turn' Sign at an Intersection	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court convicted driver and imposed a disqualification from driving, therefore unable to drive a Taxi. • DoT has written to taxi driver advising any further traffic charges or convictions would lead to a review of their suitability to continue to hold the Taxi authority.
76.	1 x Unlicensed Vehicle (Owner/Driver) 2 x No Authority to Drive (Fines Suspended) 2 x No Authority to Drive - Suspended	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court convicted driver and imposed a disqualification from driving, therefore unable to drive a Taxi. • Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. • DoT will review driver's suitability at the end of current court imposed disqualification period.

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77.	1 x No Authority to Drive (Fines Suspended)	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offences did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. DoT has written to taxi driver advising any further traffic charges or convictions would lead to a review of their suitability to continue to hold the Taxi authority.
78.	1 x No Authority to Drive (Fines Suspended)	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. DoT has written to taxi driver advising any further traffic charges or convictions would lead to a review of their suitability to continue to hold the Taxi authority.
79.	1 x Used a mobile phone whilst driving a vehicle	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. Insufficient grounds to establish that driver is not of good character to hold Taxi authority.
80.	1 x Exceed 0.08g alcohol per 100ml of blood	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate disqualification order issued by Police at time of offence. Court convicted driver and imposed a disqualification from driving, therefore unable to drive a Taxi. Offence did not occur in course of carrying a passenger/employment as a taxi driver. DoT has written to taxi driver advising any further traffic charges or convictions would lead to a review of their suitability to continue to hold the Taxi authority.