

VEHICLE REGISTRATION LICENCES, STATISTICS

491. Hon M.J. CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure said on regional radio this morning that the number of vehicle registration licences has dropped. For how many vehicles were vehicle licence registration fees collected last financial year and this financial year; and what is the projection for the coming financial year?

Hon G.T. GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

The minister's comments referred to a projected decrease in vehicle registrations over the next four years. I table a document from the Department of Transport showing the estimates in the previous budget, and the estimates in the current budget. This amounts to a drop of around \$65 million in vehicle registration revenue and, because vehicle registration fees are hypothecated, this amounts to a reduction of \$65 million in road funds. As the Department of Transport document shows, the cause of this revenue drop is the federal coalition's disastrous goods and services tax.

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