

VEHICLE LICENSING

1271. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the minister representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

- (1) Will the minister state what the automatic conversion will be for A, B and C-class licences?
- (2) Will the holders of A, B or C-class licences be able to drive a licensed articulated tractor that is towing a farm implement, such as an air seeder?
- (3) Given that the Department of Transport has yet to finalise the licensing arrangement, will the minister provide an extension for farmers to lodge an application for a new licence?

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS replied:

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

- (1) Class A has been converted to a new class C, which denotes a car; class B has been converted to a new class HR, which denotes heavy rigid; and class C has been converted to new class HC, which denotes heavy combination.
- (2) Yes. Depending on the tractor used to tow the implement, a single agricultural implement having a gross vehicle mass not exceeding nine tonnes can now be towed by the holder of a class C or HR licence.

When the implement exceeds nine tonnes GVM, the tractor driver must hold a class HC licence.
- (3) The licensing arrangements for converting driver licence classes were finalised prior to implementing the new national classes and, therefore, an extension is not being considered. The 12-month transitional period established to allow licence holders to upgrade their converted licence class, while being able to continue to drive vehicles covered by their superseded classes, will expire on 6 May.