

POLICE — OFF-ROAD DRIVER TRAINING COURSE

**1185. Hon JOCK FERGUSON to the minister representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the decision to close the off-road driver training course for police at Collie, and for on-road training to be conducted in the future.

- (1) Has any consideration been given to the possible exposure to legal liability of trainees driving on-road?
- (2) If advice has been received that there may be legal liability issues, how is it anticipated to remedy these; will it require legislative action; and, if so, what kind?
- (3) When is it proposed to commence on-road driver training and what will be the format?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) With the proposed changes to regulations, it is anticipated that police officers will experience the same level of personal liability coverage as they do currently.
- (3) Currently, WA Police is developing the framework on which the on-road training concept will progress. This includes comprehensive risk assessments and management strategies, development of WA Police policy, guidelines and operating procedure. WA Police driver training instructors will also complete specialist training. It is anticipated that a final decision on the transition to an on-road training model will be made in the first half of 2010.