

DRIVING ASSESSMENTS — OLDER DRIVERS

651. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Will the Minister for Transport table copies of all the evidence he relied upon in making the decision to no longer require people over the age of 85 years to have annual driving tests?
- (2) If not, why not?

**Hon Jim Chown replied:**

- (1)–(2) This decision brings Western Australia in line with practices in every other Australian jurisdiction except New South Wales.

The following documents were used in making a determination and are available online:

- The Elderly and Mobility: A Review of the Literature — Monash University Accident Research Centre.
- Australian Bureau Statistics — 3222.0 Population Projections, Australia, Table B5, Population projections, by age and sex, Western Australia — Series B.
- Model Licence Re-Assessment Procedure for Older and Disabled Drivers — Austroads.
- Older Driver Involvement in Fatal and Severe Traffic Crashes — Journal of Gerontology.
- Motor Vehicle Trauma in Northeastern Ohio: Incidence and Outcome by Age, Sex and Road-Use Category — American Journal of Epidemiology.
- Northeastern Ohio Trauma Study: Injury Rates by Age, Sex and Cause — American Journal of Public Health.
- Older Driver Involvement in Injury Crashes in Texas: 1975–1999 — AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.
- Inter-Relationships Between British Drivers' Visual Abilities, Age and Road Accident Histories — Ophthalmic and Physiological Optics.
- Retrospective Evaluation of Alternative Vision Screening Criteria for Older and Younger Drivers — Accident Analysis and Prevention.
- Incidence of Visual Field Loss in 20,000 Eyes and its Relationship to Driving Performance — Archives of Ophthalmology.
- Visual/Cognitive Correlates of Vehicle Accidents in Older Drivers — Psychology and Aging
- Dementia and the Older Driver — Clinics in Geriatric Medicine.
- Drawing Clocks and Driving Cars: Use of Brief Tests of Cognition to Screen Driving Competency in Older Adults — Journal of General Internal Medicine.
- The relationship of neuropsychological functioning to driving competence in older persons with early cognitive decline — Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology.
- Responsibility of drivers, by age and gender, for motor-vehicle crash deaths — Journal of Safety Research.
- Reported Road Crashes in Western Australia 2010 — Office of Road Safety.
- Australian Road Deaths Database — Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics.
- Ageing and Transport: Mobility Needs and Safety Issues — Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.
- Discussion Paper: The Review of the Older Driver Licensing System in Tasmania — Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources.
- The Alternative Older Driver Licensing System for Tasmania — Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources.