

BICYCLE HELMETS, MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

135. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Has the Department stopped allowing medical exemptions for the wearing of bicycle helmets?
- (2) Why has the Department adopted this policy?
- (3) How many bicycle riders have been affected by this change of policy?
- (4) How will this policy help the Government encourage more people to use alternative transport to the car?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

1. The power of the Director General under the Road Traffic Code 2000 (regulation 222) to exempt persons from the requirement to wear a bicycle helmet for medical purposes was delegated to and has been carried out by the Commissioner of Police since November 2000.
2. The Department has not adopted any new policy.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable