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Mr Greg Aplin MP  
Chair  
Staysafe (Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety)  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Aplin

**Response to the Question taken on Notice**

I refer to the Committee's email of 5 June 2017 outlining the Question I took on Notice when I gave evidence to the Staysafe Committee on 29 May 2017.

Roads and Maritime Services is pleased to assist the Committee's Inquiry into Driver Education, Training and Road Safety.

Please find attached our reply to the Question taken on Notice on 29 May 2017.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact me or the Compliance and Regulatory Services Executive Officer, Vedrana Trisic.

Yours sincerely

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## INQUIRY INTO DRIVER EDUCATION, TRAINING AND ROAD SAFETY – RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### Question:

*Ms ELENI PETINOS: Absolutely. Of the 58 drivers that you referred to, do you know what that is as a percentage to give us a better sense of how many road users we are talking about each week, or within the cohort?*

*Ms BAILEY: I am not sure. There is 1.1 per cent of New South Wales licence holders that are 85 years or older, so I am not sure if we could do the calculations if it is every week. I can advise you on that.*

### Response:

Over the last 5 years (2012 to 2016), the weekly average of older drivers failing\* the 'C Aged Driving Test' i.e. the RMS conducted driving test is approx. **58 out of 292 (19.97%)**.

|                     | Total No. of C Aged Driving Test Results i.e. RMS Tests (2012 and 2016) | Weekly Average No. | Weekly Average % | Yearly Average No. | Yearly Average % |
|---------------------|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>PASS</b>         | 60,553  | 232.90             | 79.64%           | 12110.60           | 79.64%           |
| <b>FAIL</b>         | 15,187  | <b>58.41</b>       | <b>19.97%</b>    | 3037.40            | 19.97%           |
| <b>SERIOUS FAIL</b> | 296   | 1.14               | 0.39%            | 59.20              | 0.39%            |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>76,036</b>   | <b>292.45</b>      | <b>100.00%</b>   | <b>15,207.20</b>   | <b>100.00%</b>   |

\* Note that 'failing' refers only to a test result of 'Fail.' We have separated 'Fail' and 'Serious Fail' due to the different reasons for failing and the subsequent outcome e.g. able to re-attempt the test vs cancelled licence.