**National Assembly

Question Number: 1600

Mrs C Dudley (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) What arrangement does her department have with certain companies (names furnished) with regard to the decryption key for the barcode on driving licences;

(2) do the specified companies own the decryption keys; if not, who owns the keys;

(3) can other entities acquire a similar arrangement as the specified companies and get access to the decryption key; if so, what are the relevant details?
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**Question Answers:**
(1) To our knowledge, there is no agreement(s) which the Department has with any Security Company regarding the decryption key for the barcode on driving licences;

(2) The decryption keys are the property of the state under Department of Transport.

(3) So far as we are aware, the Department of Transport does not have any arrangements security companies