

## European Union Directive 2000/56/EC

The European Union, through its Directive 2000/56/EC, required all member countries by 1 October 2003 to ensure applicants for learner driver licences had basic first aid knowledge.<sup>1</sup> To date over half of European countries (56%) require first aid or basic life support training be completed as a condition for obtaining a driver license, and many European countries also require that drivers carry a first aid kit.<sup>2,4</sup> Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Germany, Hungary Latvia, Lithuania, Denmark, Slovakia, Belgium and Switzerland require the possession of a first aid certificate before a driver's licence is granted.<sup>3,4</sup> In Norway, 95% of the population is trained in first aid as a result of the driver licensing system. In Germany and Austria over 80% of the population is trained, and in Iceland 75%.<sup>5,4</sup>

Additionally, United Nations resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 10 April 2014, Improving Global Road Safety (A/Res/68/269) encourages Member States to implement comprehensive policies on post-crash care (and to consider enacting legislation to legally protect bystanders who in good faith provide care to those injured in a crash).<sup>6</sup>

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### Notes

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## See, Jason (SEN)

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**From:**

**Sent:**

Monday, 31 August 2020 2:02 PM

**To:**

**Subject:**

RE: Joint Select Committee on Road Safety - Public Hearing 17 August 2020 -  
Hansard Corrections and Questions on Notice

**Attachments:**

Dear Jason,

The Committee requested further information from St John Ambulance as questions on notice. This included:

1. information about the European Union Directive regarding first aid as a condition for driver licensing
2. statistics for uptake of the St John *First@Scene* and *Click to Save* programs.

Please find attached a short paper providing the information regarding the European Union Directive 2000/56/EC.

The St John Ambulance (Western Australia) *Click to Save* program has had 124,967 participants. The program commenced in 2013. For further information about the program or to undertake the short course, visit

<https://clicktosave.com.au/>

Unfortunately, St John has not been able to obtain the statistics for the St John Ambulance (Northern Territory) *First at Scene* program. We requested this information from St John NT, who requested it from their external provider and it has not been forthcoming from the external provider to date. We can provide this information should it come to hand, however will understand if today's cut off must be strictly adhered to. The *First@Scene* program can be viewed and undertaken at <https://stjohnnt.org.au/community/first-at-scene.php>

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

Belinda

Belinda Ding  
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Please note I work Monday to Thursday.



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**From:** See, Jason (SEN)

**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 August 2020 12:58 PM

**To:** Belinda Ding ; Belinda Ding ; Len Fiori ; Stephen Van Gerwen