

TAXI LEASE PLATES — EXPIRY

4717. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the first of the taxi lease plates will expire in May 2012?
  - (2) Does the Minister intend to renew or reissue these lease plates?
  - (3) Will the existing lessee be given first right to the renewed or reissued lease plate?
  - (4) If no to (3), what process does the Government intend to undertake to renew or reissue these plates?
  - (5) How much notice will taxi drivers be given that their lease will or will not be renewed?
  - (6) When will the Minister advise the taxi industry of what the Government intends to do when these leases expire?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (1)–(6) Yes, the lease plates will be offered to a successful pool of applicants and reissued in accordance with relevant legislation. The industry and current plate holders are aware of the lease expiry terms.