

TAXI DRIVERS — PLATE LEASE CONDITIONS

3029. Hon Ken Travers to the minister representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to Government lease taxi plates, and ask —

- (1) How many hours per week is the lessee of Government lease taxi plates expected to operate as the principal driver of the vehicle?
- (2) What checks are made by the Government to ensure that a lessee of Government lease taxi plate is the principal driver of that vehicle?
- (3) Under what conditions is the lessee of Government lease taxi plates given approval not to be the principal driver of the vehicle?
- (4) Is there a maximum time period where the lessee of a Government lease plate is not required to be the principal driver of the vehicle?
- (5) If yes to (4), what is the maximum time period and what actions are taken by the Government once that maximum time period has been reached?
- (6) What action is taken by Government if it is found that the lessee of Government lease plates is not the principal driver of the vehicle?
- (7) Does the Government approve of goodwill payments for the subleasing of Government lease taxi plates and the associated vehicles?
- (8) As at 30 June 2010, how many Government lease taxi plate operators were behind in payment of scheduled of lease payments by over —
 - (a) 30 days;
 - (b) 60 days;
 - (c) 90 days; and
 - (d) 120 days?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (1) 36 hours.
- (2) The Department of Transport checks the log-on and log-off records for lease plate holders. These records are held by the Taxi Dispatch Services.
- (3) In exceptional circumstances, such as medical or personal distress for short periods only.
- (4) No
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) The lessee could have his lease terminated.
- (7) No
- (8) As at 30 June 2010 the following numbers of lessees were behind in their lease payments -
 - (a) 1 — 90 days — nil.
 - (b) 91 — 180 days — 84.