

TAXI SERVICES — PLATE ISSUE

4462. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to your announcement to increase taxi availability and ask —

- (1) How many of the 300 taxi plates, referred to in your announcement of 10 April 2011, have been issued?
- (2) What type of plates were issued?
- (3) When do you expect further plates will be issued?
- (4) What criteria will be used to determine the need for further plates to be issued?
- (5) Do you expect the new 4.00am night train to affect the number of plates issued?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (1)–(4) The 10 April 2011 announcement referred to the immediate release of 30 plates and the release of up to 300 additional plates over time, following regulatory changes.

The 30 plates (full time Government lease) have been released and regulations to allow access to an additional 300 plates have been published in the Government Gazette and the process is continuing to enable these plates to be release as demand dictates.

- (5) The new 4.00am night train will impact on demand for ultra peak services although this is only a component of total peak demand.