

TAXIS — REGIONAL FARES

177. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

As a result of the recent increases to liquefied petroleum gas prices, I ask —

- (1) When will the review of regional public transport fares be completed?
- (2) When will the minister expect to make a decision about an increase in fares for regional taxidriviers?
- (3) Is the government considering any other measures to assist regional taxidriviers; and, if yes, what?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Department of Transport advises —

- (1) The review of public transport fares has been completed.
- (2) It is currently under consideration.
- (3) Yes. The government is constantly considering options for improving the taxi industry in regional areas.