

TAXI INDUSTRY — REGULATION

131. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the regulation of taxis in Western Australia.

- (1) How many full-time equivalent government officers are currently engaged, directly or indirectly, in regulation of the taxi industry?
- (2) How much does it cost to regulate the taxi industry and from which sources of revenue are these costs met?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question and acknowledge his longstanding interest in the regulation of taxis. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Transport.

- (1) In 2015–16 there were 49 FTEs in the on-demand transport business unit of the Department of Transport administering and regulating the taxi and charter industries. This does not include FTE numbers from the driver and vehicle services business unit, which administers the F and T driver licence endorsements for taxi and charter drivers and the vehicle registration records for taxi and charter vehicles.
- (2) The total 2015–16 actual cost for the on-demand transport business unit was \$23 539 157. This does not include any budget allocated for subsidies that are not taxi or charter related. The revenue is sourced from the appropriation account and the taxi industry development account.