

TAXI DRIVERS — PAY AND CONDITIONS

3957. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the problems confronting taxi operators across the north of the state in attracting drivers due to the relatively poor pay and working conditions, including the risk of violence?
- (2) What action is the Government taking to address this issue?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of the impact rising fuel cost is having on taxis in regional areas?
- (4) What action is the Government taking to address this issue?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (1) Yes
- (2) Department of Transport officers are engaging with the taxi operators in regional areas to understand the impacts of the changing economic conditions on the operation of their businesses and explore options to assist these operators.
- (3) Yes
- (4) The cost of fuel is specifically included within the Taxi Cost Index, which is used to adjust taxi fares across the State.