

TAXI PLATES — ALLOCATION

**274. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the government's announcement regarding additional taxi plates.

- (1) How many of the 56 taxi plates referred to in the announcement on 28 February 2010 —
  - (a) have been allocated to a driver; and
  - (b) are currently in operation?
- (2) How many of the 68 additional taxi lease plates announced on 27 September 2010 —
  - (a) have been allocated to a driver; and
  - (b) are currently in operation?
- (3) When did the last of the plates referred to in (1) and (2) enter service?
- (4) How many of the 30 additional plates announced on 10 April 2011 are in addition to the plates referred to in these two previous announcements?
- (5) In reference to the minister's release on 10 April 2011, how many of the jobs not covered were in outer suburbs in —
  - (a) December 2009; and
  - (b) December 2010?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

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

- (1)
  - (a) 56.
  - (b) 56.
- (2)
  - (a) 68.
  - (b) This release comprised 40 peak-period lease plates and 28 outer area lease plates. Of these, 29 and 24 respectively are currently in operation.
- (3) 8 April 2011.
- (4) 30.
- (5)
  - (a) In the December 2009 quarter at peak times, 3 335; at off-peak times, 2 980.
  - (b) In the December 2010 quarter at peak times, 4 581; at off-peak times, 3 678.

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