

TRANSPORT (ROAD PASSENGER SERVICES) REGULATIONS 2019

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

I thank the Minister for Environment for his answer to my question without notice 200 asked on 19 March about the regulatory impact assessment conducted in respect of the Transport (Road Passenger Services) Regulations 2019.

- (1) Why were the documents prepared in mid-2017 not published until this month?
- (2) What will be the total cost of the new policy to the on-demand transport industry and consumers, respectively?
- (3) In relation to (2), how do these figures compare with the costs estimated and cited by government when the enabling legislation was being considered by Parliament?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The regulatory impact documents are not made publicly available until the regulatory decision has been made public in its final form. The regulatory impact documents published in March 2019 relate to the Transport (Road Passenger Services) Act 2018 that was passed in October 2018 and the regulations gazetted on 26 February 2019.
- (2) An annual estimate of \$29.5 million will be collected by booking services. The levy will cease when costs are recovered. A booking service can choose not to pass on the levy to consumers.
- (3) This figure is presented in budget paper No 2 of the 2018–19 state budget.