

TAXI CAMERAS UPGRADE

957. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the article in today's *The West Australian* about the upgrade of taxi cameras.

- (1) Has the Taxi Industry Board made a decision on the upgrading of the specifications of cameras in taxis?
- (2) When will any decision about the upgrade of camera specifications be provided to the taxi industry?
- (3) Will the state government use any of the \$17.6 million in the taxi industry development fund to assist the taxi industry with this upgrade?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) How long does the minister expect it will take for cameras in all taxis to be upgraded?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of his question.

- (1) The responsibility for setting camera standards is vested with the Department of Transport. The new specifications for taxi camera surveillance units have been approved by the Director General of the Department of Transport. The Taxi Industry Board is aware and supportive of the Department of Transport's work to date on upgrading the specifications for taxi camera surveillance units.
- (2) The taxi industry will shortly be notified in writing of the new standard.
- (3) The state government is currently considering a number of options to assist the taxi industry with this upgrade, and use of the taxi industry development fund is one such option.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) I expect it will take 30 months.